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PM complains to Ross about Egyptian threats

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu used much of his 100-minute meeting with US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross yesterday to blast Egypt for using a variety of threats against Israel. Netanyahu said this was incompatible with a country which has been at peace with Israel for 17 years, informed sources said.

While Netanyahu did not single out any Egyptian by name, sources said he was furious about a variety of different remarks by President Hosni Mubarak, who had threatened to delay the Middle East economic summit, scheduled for Cairo in November, unless there is more tangible progress in the peace process.

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2 soldiers killed in S. Lebanon clash

DAVID RUDGE



A Blackhawk helicopter arrives back in the security zone after evacuating the wounded from yesterday's attack while a Cobra gunship hovers in the background. (Avihu Shapira/Israel Sun)

FIERCE fighting erupted in south Lebanon yesterday, after two Golan Brigade soldiers were killed and eight others wounded in a clash with Hizbullah gunmen near the northern perimeter of the security zone.

Lt. Tsur Parnas, 21, of Moshav Kidron, and Staff-Sgt. Zohar Mintz, 20, of Kiryat Bialik, were killed in the encounter.

Mintz, who had earlier served as a navy commando but was reassigned to the Golan Brigade due to knee problems, is to be buried at Kiryat Bialik's military cemetery at 1 p.m. today. The time and place of Parnas's funeral was not announced last night; his parents received the news of his death in Spain, where they have been emissaries for three years.

All the wounded were evacuated by helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

One, Itamar Yedid, was in serious condition with injuries to his pelvis and internal organs. Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai said he had undergone surgery and was stabilized.

The other soldiers all suffered light injuries. One was released yesterday; another, Eran Bar-Maor, was transferred at his family's request to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. Ronen Klein, suffering from dehydration, is likely to be released today.

The others - Naveh Rubio, Amir Ashkenazi, Yaniv Brumo, and Chen Almoslino - are in the hospital's orthopedic ward.

At least three Hizbullah gunmen were believed to have been killed and a number of others wounded in the firefight, which lasted over an hour.

The clash itself occurred around 8:30 a.m., not far from the IDF's Soujud position in the northeastern sector of the zone.

The Golan soldiers were on patrol when they encountered what appears to have been a squad of around a dozen Hizbullah gunmen.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said the soldiers surprised the terrorists on what they considered to be their own turf and opened fire.

"It appears to have been a squad that had intended to make preparations to carry out an attack on either an IDF or SLA stronghold and was surprised while en route," he said. "We prefer to meet Hizbullah as far as possible from the confrontation lines."

"We paid a painful price, but the other side was hit even harder and the mission was accomplished. It is very difficult, in such battles, to avoid casualties, especially in such very difficult terrain and at such close quarters."

The Golan soldiers apparently opened fire with machine guns and hurled grenades at the Hizbullah squad, and Parnas was killed in the initial exchange. The soldiers, however, continued to chase the gunmen, and Mintz was fatally wounded in the subsequent clashes.

Hizbullah gunmen fired dozens of rounds of mortars at the area and at the nearby IDF and SLA positions at Soujud and Rehan, prompting heavy return fire.

IAF planes twice struck at Hizbullah bases, and helicopter gunships were also in action.

The IDF Spokesman said the planes struck at Hizbullah targets to silence mortar fire at IDF and SLA positions. The statement said the pilots reported accurate hits and all the planes returned safely to base.

Hizbullah gunmen also fired mortars at IDF and SLA targets in the Beit Yahoun region, in the western sector of the zone; Alman in the central area; and the Ali Tahr hill range in the east. IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Reports from Lebanon said Mariam Ma'adi, of Jaba'a village in the Iqlim al-Toufah region, was wounded by the artillery fire. (Continued on Page 18)

Teva's MS drug gets initial okay from FDA

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

AFTER 11 months of review proceedings, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries yesterday received the recommendation of a US Food and Drug Administration advisory panel for its multiple sclerosis drug, Copaxone.

The Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs advisory panel unanimously recommended that the FDA approve Copaxone, Teva's first original drug, and ruled that it is both safe and effective. Past history indicates that the FDA usually follows the panel's advice.

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Peace talks with Syria unlikely to resume soon

DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAVID RUDGE

PEACE talks with Syria are unlikely to resume in the near future, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday, after US envoy Dennis Ross finished a three-day visit to the region.

Other officials reiterated that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu refuses to accept as binding previous unwritten understandings tied to the Golan, but only agrees that Israel is "willing to examine ideas" presented in the past.

The state-run Syrian media has suggested that if Netanyahu is not willing to accept previous understandings, there is little to discuss. "We don't have to run after Syria," one senior official said.

Officials admit that it is harder to make concessions to Damascus while Syria is engaging in threatening troop movements on the northern slopes of Mt. Hermon, since any concession would be viewed as yielding to pressure.

Ross departed from his usual habit on regional swings, and decided not to visit Syria. Instead, after holding talks with officials in (Continued on Page 18)

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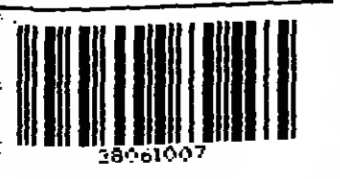
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Israel-Palestinian memorial for Rabin planned

HELEN KAYE

A JOINT Israeli-Palestinian event to commemorate the November 4 anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination is being planned to take place in Tel Aviv, Ramallah and at the Erez checkpoint.

Israeli and Palestinian spokesmen confirmed that ideas for such an event were discussed at a meeting in Ramallah two weeks ago.

"About 12 people from both sides [attended]," said Ofer Bronchstein, head of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

The idea for a joint event was tabled at a meeting of some 200 Palestinian intellectuals held at Al-Bireh in August, said Muhammad Barawi, general manager of the PA Culture Ministry. He added that it was one of several ideas put forward "to further the cause of peace because we have to do something too, not

just leave it to the politicians." The Palestinians decided to call a joint meeting with their Israeli counterparts "because we have always had a good relationship and we thought that it would be good to do something together for peace," he said.

Barawi agreed that any joint cultural or commemorative event would have a political dimension "because of the situation, but we all decided that we wouldn't involve ourselves in politics."

Those at the Ramallah meeting included Salman Khoury, deputy general manager of PA Broadcasting; Assad el-Assad, head of the Palestinian Writers Association; MK Nissim Zvilli; and poet Salman Natur.

Bronchstein said that the precise nature of the event has yet to be decided and that another meeting is planned in Ramallah next week.

PM warns Europe to stay clear of Orient House

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

ON the eve of his first trip to European capitals as the prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that the continent's foreign ministers should stay away from Orient House, the PLO headquarters in eastern Jerusalem.

"We will not meet with foreign ministers who visit Orient House," Netanyahu told reporters yesterday.

Visits by foreign diplomats, Netanyahu said, "encourage the violations of [the peace] agreements by the Palestinian Authority."

Netanyahu, who will visit London, Paris and Bonn between September 24 and 26, said Europe has an important role to play in regional peacemaking and in Israel itself.

"Europe is increasingly important for Israel, in terms of trade, culture and also politics," Netanyahu said.

He added that European states could play a special role in the region's economy as well, moving from the status of donors to that of investors.

Housing flap in eastern J'lem

Jews, Arabs stake claim to building on Nablus Road

BILL HUTMAN

A SETTLEMENT group's attempted takeover of an Arab building in eastern Jerusalem yesterday is likely to mark the start of other similar efforts by Jewish groups in Arab sections of the city, Jerusalem Police chief Arye Amit warned.

"The real estate season in east Jerusalem has begun," Amit said, at an impromptu press conference called just outside the building, across from the American Consulate on Nablus Road.

"There are many other buildings, I won't say how many, that have been purchased [by settlement groups], or are in the process of being purchased," Amit said.

Yesterday's standoff between security guards hired by the settlement group that claims to have purchased the building, or at least part of it, and an Arab family that claims half the building, ended with both sides being forced out of the building by police.

Police identified the group as Ateret Cohanim, which has spearheaded the purchase of Arab homes in the capital's Old City.

Ateret Cohanim members, accompanied by the security guards, broke into the building just after midnight Wednesday, according to police sources.

In the morning, the Ateret Cohanim members were gone,

having left the seven security guards locked inside to hold on to the building. Police said the guards hit a member of the Rashid family, which claims to own half the structure, when he tried to get inside.

A standoff ended several hours later, after negotiations between the two sides, which led to the site being evacuated by the guards, who were then questioned by police in connection with the assault of the family member.

Ateret Cohanim director Matti Dan denied his group was involved. "We operate in other areas of the city," he said, and declined further comment.

Sources close to the purchasers said they bought "at least 50 percent" of the building several years ago, through a front company based in the Virgin Islands. The sources identified the company as the "Dawn Holding Company," but would not say who was involved.

"They bought the building for peanuts," according to one source.

The sources said the move into the home was prompted by threats received by the Arab guard hired by the holding company, from Palestinian Authority security agents.

The guard was summoned to Ramallah by the agents and forced



An Arab man argues with a policeman and a border policeman yesterday outside the disputed building in eastern Jerusalem. (Khaled Zilgan)

to turn over the keys to the building, the sources said. The police spokesman said police received similar reports, and are investigating.

Attorney Mohammed Dahlah, representing the Rashid family, said he has documents proving his clients own 50 percent of the building, and believes that the other half may have been sold by a Palestinian businessman who today lives in Sweden.

"Even if the settlers own half the building, it doesn't give them the right to force their way inside, and to take over the entire building," Dahlah said.

The attorney obtained a court order forbidding the security company from re-entering until a hearing is held on the matter next month. Amit, however, issued an order also forbidding the Arab family from entering, on security grounds.

Environmental groups, Sarid praise Eitan's opposition to Arazim Valley plan

ENVIRONMENT Minister Rafael Eitan's decision to act against construction plans in the Arazim Valley, at the western entrance to Jerusalem, has been praised by green groups and Eitan's predecessor, MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz).

"Until now I have been disappointed by Eitan's position and stands which have not been compatible with the good of the environment," Sarid said yesterday. "Finally, here is a pleasant surprise. Building up the Arazim Valley would be a fatal blow to Jerusalem's unique character and the rare ancient landscape."

On Wednesday, Eitan said he recommended turning the valley into a national park. "The Arazim Valley is a national asset from which every way you look at it. The open landscape should be preserved there as determined in the master plan for open areas in Jerusalem and the current national outline plan," Eitan said, however, that he supports strengthening and building Jerusalem, including the areas to the west of the city, by building mainly on the mountain ridges.

The decision to oppose the Arazim Valley development was praised by environmental groups, including the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, which have so far not seen eye-to-eye with most of the new minister's policies. Liat Collins

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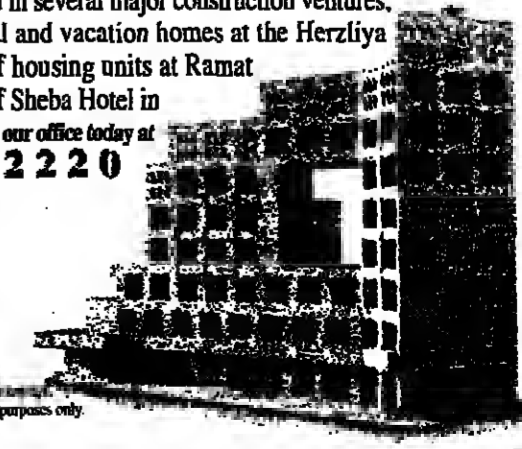
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N. Korean submarine infiltration drama ends in blaze of gunfire

KANGNUNG, South Korea (Reuters) - South Korean troops killed seven more North Koreans yesterday, as one of the deadliest infiltration dramas since the early Cold War drew to a close in a hail of bullets.

An estimated 20 North Koreans came ashore on a beach in the enemy South from a submarine on Wednesday, authorities said.

Altogether 18 have now been shot dead - 11 in an apparent mass suicide - and one was captured after a ruthless manhunt by thousands of troops and police. One more is still on the loose.

The search through mountainous terrain was likely to continue because of uncertainty about the exact number of communist agents dropped near the east coast city of Kangnung.

Political fallout from the episode threatened to further sour relations between the two Koreas.

South Korean President Kim Young-sam declared the submarine adventure an act of military provocation, but Pyongyang was unrepentant and refused to accept

a protest note on the heavily-fortified border.

South Korean security forces took no chances with the heavily-armed North Koreans, as they reportedly fled for their lives towards the border.

Three were cut down by automatic fire as they crouched by a stream to drink, military sources in Kangnung said.

Television pictures showed hulleted riddled corpses splayed on the ground. They were dressed in blue jeans and sneakers made in South Korea, suggesting an espionage mission.

Security forces were led to several of the fugitives by alert villagers. In the latest firefight, two members of the South Korean security forces were wounded, officials said.

On Wednesday, the bodies of 11 North Koreans were found huddled together on top of a mountain situated close to a beach where they landed. All had been shot through the head in what was initially described as mass suicide.

However, state television specu-

lated the 11 could have been sacrificed to enable others to travel more quickly. The placing of the fatal bullet wounds suggested the 11 had been executed, it said.

Kim denounced the most serious infiltration since the 1960s at a cabinet meeting.

"This is not a simple spy case. I regard it as a kind of military provocation," an aide quoted Kim as saying.

North Korea rejected a protest by the U.S.-led United Nations Command in South Korea, a command statement said.

The UN Command attempted to hand the message to the North at Panmunjom, but a Northern military duty officer would not take it, the statement said.

"I strongly demand that your side immediately take the necessary steps to prevent recurrence of these serious Armistice Agreement violations," said the letter, signed by South Korean Gen. Cha Ki Moon. "If you fail to do so, the responsibility for the unfortunate consequences will be yours."



South Korean soldiers search through mountainous terrain for a North Korean soldier who infiltrated their country along with some 20 others in a submarine which ran aground on Tuesday. Seven North Koreans were killed in a hail of gunfire yesterday, 11 others were found shot dead on Wednesday. (Reuters)

CIA chief: Iraqi Kurds seek allies' help

News agencies
WASHINGTON

IRAQ-supported Kurds hold nearly all of northern Iraq, but their leader has approached western allies "for protection in an effort to hold Saddam Hussein at arm's length," CIA Director John Deutch said yesterday.

"Saddam Hussein is putting increasing pressure on [Kurdistan Democratic Party leader Massoud] Barzani to negotiate a framework for autonomy under Baghdad's overall control," Deutch told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

He said Barzani's KDP controls nearly all of the Kurdish part of northern Iraq, with only isolated pockets held by the opposition Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK).

Deutch added that tensions in Iraq have eased. He said Iraq has not threatened allied planes enforcing northern and southern no-fly zones for several days, and mobile anti-aircraft missiles have been returned to their bases.

Deutch said the allies' extension of the no-fly zone to

Bradley fighting vehicles that have been repositioned here.

Some 300 more than 30,000 US military personnel and 200 American planes will be in the region, most of them aboard about 35 ships in the Gulf.

Iranian state radio, meanwhile, warned the KDP against seeking US support, saying Washington is more unreliable than Baghdad.

"The KDP, which caused its present troubles by relying on Iraq, is trying now to seek the support of America, which is even less trustworthy," Teheran radio said in a political commentary.

It was referring to talks between KDP leader Massoud Barzani and senior US diplomat Robert Pelletreau on Wednesday in Turkey.

"One should be aware that the Americans would interfere in the Kurdistan region only if they have direct interests. Even then, they would easily turn their backs on their commitments and accords once their needs are met," the radio said.

UN removes bodies from Bosnian mass grave

PILICA, Bosnia (Reuters) UN war crimes experts yesterday started removing bodies from an alleged mass grave on a farm in Serb-held northeast Bosnia, believed to contain the remains of Muslims executed last year.

William Haglund, chief of the investigatory team, said they had taken out seven bodies by the end of the day.

The 28-meter-long grave is dug into a hillside in the remote and mountainous region.

Investigators dressed in blue overalls worked amid the overpowering stench of rotting flesh, to clear away topsoil and uncover the pile of corpses.

War Crimes prosecutors believe the bodies are those of Muslims killed as they fled the Serb conquest of Srebrenica last year. The town had been declared a UN "safe area" for Muslims, although Serb forces seized it in a major offensive and forced the population to flee into the hills.

While thousands of women and children survived, some eight thousand Muslim men and boys are missing.

The investigators believe conquering Serbs either cut them down as they tried to sneak to safety, or rounded them up and executed them, before burying the bodies in mass graves.

In Pilica, the unearthed bodies had been randomly thrown on top of one another to form a heap some 3 meters deep.

The investigators zipped the remains into body bags, before storing them in refrigerated containers for transport to a makeshift morgue in Moslem-controlled Kalesija.

There, forensic scientists will try to identify the victims and determine the cause of death in their hunt for clues to convict the people accused of ordering the alleged massacres.

Haglund said there was evidence that the bodies had been bound with cloth. "So far it looks like most of the bodies were male," he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Chemomyrdin has nuclear trigger
MOSCOW - Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin will be named acting head of state while President Boris Yeltsin undergoes heart surgery, according to a presidential decree issued yesterday.

The decree said Chernomyrdin would have full presidential powers, including control of the "nuclear button" which can launch Russia's nuclear missiles.

But Yeltsin's spokesman Sergei Yastzhenbelsky said Yeltsin must still sign a second decree formally handing over his powers just before the operation, aimed at improving blood supply to his heart. *Reuters*

Kevin Maxwell 'not guilty' after trial halted
LONDON - Kevin Maxwell, youngest son of media tycoon Robert Maxwell, whose death in 1991 led to the collapse of his business empire, will not face a second trial on fraud charges, a judge ruled on yesterday.

Judge John Buckley said a further trial "would be unfair, so unfair as to amount to an abuse of power of the court," adding that he had come to the clear view that the proceedings served no further public interest.

The judge later agreed verdicts of 'not guilty' should be recorded on all outstanding charges against Kevin and his three fellow defendants. He ordered their costs - around £30 million pounds in Britain's most expensive criminal case this century - paid from state funds. *Reuters*

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Astronaut greets Atlantis crew with hugs, bread and salt

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Ecstatic to be going home after a record six months in orbit, a beaming Shannon Lucid threw her arms around Atlantis astronauts who docked with the Russian space station Mir yesterday.

The first to reach the US astronaut after the hatches opened was John Blaha, her replacement on the orbiting outpost. They embraced, then floated off into Mir, chatting practically nonstop.

None of the first greetings was heard on Earth, however, because of problems with the communications system. Although Russian space officials were able to get through to congratulate the nine space travelers, NASA administrator Daniel Goldin was left hanging on the phone in Cleveland because of the snags. Lucid was able to send down a message a little later.

Lucid, who's spent more time in space than any American and any woman anywhere, giggled and squeezed her colleagues as they floated into Mir. She also extended a tray with packets of bread and salt, a traditional Russian welcome.

The shuttle astronauts tasted some other Russian cuisine - a yellow, mushy food in cans. Flashbulbs went off repeatedly.

After all the fun, the seven astronauts and two cosmonauts got down to business, moving Blaha's gear from Atlantis into Mir, and Lucid's belongings in the opposite direction. Blaha officially joined the Mir crew, while Lucid became an Atlantis astronaut.

Atlantis docked at 0313 GMT, about 386 kilometers above the Carpathian Mountains.

France to issue two new warrants in 1989 jetliner bombing

PARIS (AP) - Some stone-faced, others dabbling tears, relatives of the 170 victims in a 1989 French jetliner bombing learned yesterday that Paris is on the verge of issuing two more arrest warrants against suspected Libyan agents.

Meeting with the family members on the seventh anniversary of France's deadliest terrorist attack, examining Magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere said he was about to send the warrants to the prosecutor's office for final approval.

Behind closed doors Bruguiere displayed a suitcase rigged with explosives - described as identical to the one that blew up theUTA DC-10 jetliner - which he brought back from an investigative mission to Libya in July.

Bruguiere's trip and the evidence he brought back were seen as a breakthrough in the investigation as a result of pressure from a four-year-old UN embargo designed to force Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to cooperate in the probe.

Francis Szpiner, lawyer for the victims' association SOS Attentats, told reporters that Bruguiere planned to issue warrants against Abdessalam Shibani, believed to have supervised preparations for the bombing, and Abdessalam Hamouda, who allegedly purchased the bomb's detonator on a trip to Germany.

The arrest warrants are expected to be formally approved in the coming days, lawyers said.

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Friday, September 20, 1996

Dear Diary: Nobody can ignore my Syria ...

David Makovsky imagines what the private diaries of Syrian president Hafez Assad reveal

Dear Diary,

Those tricky Israelis. They started with Gaza-Jericho First in 1993, then it became Jordan-First in 1994, and now it is Lebanon-First in 1996.

They want to take every card out of my hand, and I will not let them. They took the Palestinian card, the Jordanian card, and have even made some diplomatic inroads in the Gulf and North Africa. Now they want to take the Lebanese card, which is Greater Syria. I will never let them.

Back in Madrid in 1991, Syria called for a comprehensive peace based on land for peace, and I popularized the term "peace of the brave" before [Yasser] Arafat took it away and appropriated it as his own. I have made a strategic decision for peace and I am for peace which meets the requirements of international legitimacy. By definition, there cannot be a comprehensive peace without Syria.

Yet, the Israelis want to work piecemeal and leave me without land while they have full peace and security. This is unacceptable.

In fact, the Lebanon-First idea began before Netanyahu. I was sitting with [US Secretary of State Warren] Christopher during [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres' ill-conceived Grapes of Wrath campaign last April during one of our usual six-hour sessions, which have been dubbed "bladder-buster" conversations.

(I like sitting a long time with foreign leaders since this is my chance to absorb what people abroad are saying, particularly since, with the exception of Egypt, I do not travel abroad anymore to Moscow or Bucharest as the old leaders I knew and appreciated - Leonid Brezhnev and Nicolae Ceausescu - are dead.)

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pose on my armchair, and my whole body hurtled in a forward motion.

Not only was I shocked, but poor Christopher must have been so stunned to see me react so bitterly as if I swallowed a frog.

Now Netanyahu is picking this

main reason they'll have to make peace with me is Hizbullah. If I disarm Hizbullah first and allow Israel to leave Lebanon without gaining anything on the Golan, I lose my leverage. Why would any Israeli negotiate seriously with me on the Golan if I

occupied Golan to the June 4, 1967 lines near the Sea of Galilee shoreline if he was satisfied with security arrangements and normalization. While Netanyahu said Rabin's words were "hypothetical," for me, this constituted a confirmation.

Moreover I told visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda last month that this idea of June 4 was raised by Israeli negotiators at the Wye Plantation this past spring, and it was written up in a protocol by one of my delegates. I am holding the protocol. In terms of moving forward, if Netanyahu is on one hand confirming June 4 was said but on the other hand is denying its validity as well as denying the May 1995 agreement on security principles, why should I resume talks now, and settle for less and wipe out years of progress with Israel?

Furthermore, I would have struck a deal with Rabin, but we did not reach an understanding on the details including security even though I twice sent my chief of staff Gen. Hilknet Shihabi to meet his Israeli counterpart. (I always send Sunni Muslims to negotiate with Israelis so nobody in Syria can accuse me of making an Alawite peace.) I thought once I sent Shihabi as a gesture, the Israelis would repay me in kind and agree to my security concerns, but they did not.

When Christopher conveyed from Peres a variation of the Lebanon-First idea, I was shaken out of my signature sphinx-like pose on my armchair, and my whole body hurtled in a forward motion.

up this idea of Lebanon-First. I cannot allow this to happen. The most important reason why the Israelis have dealt with me on the Golan is because I am not allowing them to have their way and enjoy a peaceful Lebanese border. The Israelis are much stronger, they have the US, but one of the

have no leverage? Leverage is always the key. Without me harboring the PKK (Kurdish) fighters, do I really believe Turkey would be as forthcoming on water from the Ataturk Dam? The fighters, Hizbullah and PKK, are my leverage.

SOMETIMES I do not understand the Israelis, unless they are out to conspire against the Arabs. I do not understand why Israelis even need Mt. Hermon since they have the Ofek 3 satellite which can read every license plate in Aleppo!!!

Another example of my not reading Israelis: a few years ago, at the behest of the Bush Administration, which was responding to Zionist pressure, I let the Jews of Syria go. Yet, what did I get for this in return? Israelis not only failed to see this as a gesture, but last year Christopher said he wanted to

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grease the wheels in the direction of peace. My job is to convince Syrians that we fought with honor and now we will make peace with honor. Let the Americans and Israelis envious their own publics. This is not my job. It is theirs.

My peace will be different than Egypt's. I have made clear that my condition has also been an Israeli pullout from the Golan within three years - as Israeli pullout of Sinai was three years. I

say this so there will not be a single Arab who says that I received less than Anwar Sadat received from Israel without having to make his trip to the Israeli Knesset.

Receive more, give less. As I said when Sadat made his ill-fated trip to Jerusalem: "peace is our aim in Syria, as it is in Egypt and the whole Arab world. But a successful strategy cannot be pursued through unsuccessful tactics."

However, I must deal with a more immediate problem. Netanyahu keeps making noises that he will hit the Beka'a Valley if Hizbullah hits Israel. Yet, it is Israel that is occupying southern Lebanon and the law reserves the right for national resistance, the right of the occupied to rise up against the occupiers.

Why do they call Hizbullah terrorists? If Israel invades Lebanese soil, they are committing a terrorist act. My calls for an international conference to define terrorism has been conveniently rejected by the West, which sees the Arabs as terrorists.

So I have no trouble in rebuffing those who call for a quiet southern Lebanon as I affirm Hizbullah's right to hit the occupiers. Yet, at the same time, so long as there are peace talks I have also always kept things within proportion. It never served my interest to let things get out of control.

HOWEVER, NOW there are no talks and Netanyahu is not serious about their resumption. This means each side is less restrained when it comes to Lebanon.

If he thinks he can retaliate for Hizbullah attacks by hitting the Beka'a Valley, well, I may have a surprise for him since we have always shown vigilance at difficult moments in our history. By stationing approximately 8,000 crack "special forces" troops of the 14th Division on the northern slopes of Mt. Hermon, I can show him something. If Netanyahu hits the Beka'a Valley, I can take Israel's "eyes" out by hitting Mt.

Hermon. Of course, I am covered from the charge that the special forces are threatening Israel, since they were officially based north of Mt. Hermon until 1986 when I dispatched them to Beirut.

At the same time, I am seeking to shore up my regional position. I just sent my prime minister to Iran for consultations. I even agreed to receive in Damascus two people who I cannot stand and who I think have not served the Arab cause well by their overly accommodationist approach in Israel: Arafat and the plucky little king of Jordan, Hussein.

Moreover, I think there are prospects for better relations with Turkey now that there is a prime minister there who does not kowtow to every whim of the West. [Necmettin] Erbakan.

Critically, I was the moving force in convincing [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak to hold the first Arab summit in six years. It may take time, but it will be clear very soon before it is clear to the whole world that Netanyahu is really Yitzhak Shamir with an American accent.

When Netanyahu is exposed as the rigid Likud ideologue that he is, Arab normalization with Israel will come to a grinding halt. More importantly, a second-term Clinton Administration will not allow him to get away with nothing more than rhetoric. Then, he will be cornered.

By moving troops and shoring up political support, I want to disabuse Netanyahu of his Likud propaganda that Syria is too weak due to disappearance of the Soviet Union and can now be ignored.

Nobody can ignore Syria, whose key role as a leader of the Arab nation is indisputable. By moving troops, I am signaling that without peace, Israelis should know the Golan is not a stable place. Until now, Netanyahu, the Golan settlers and others said it was risky if Israel yields the Golan. Now, maybe Netanyahu will understand there is potentially a much greater risk of keeping the Heights.

ISRAELIS WOULD be foolish to forget their own past. In 1967, a war of words escalated into a full-fledged war. In 1973, Sadat went to war to end the stalemate. A fighting option and winning option are not the same thing. He realized that one does not have to win the war in order to win the peace.

Fighting is not my only option. I told the Japanese FM that I did not think Netanyahu was so strong because 50 percent of Israelis support Labor.

So am I patient for four years until Netanyahu is out or do I make real trouble now? As long as I keep people guessing, they know Syria can make the difference between war and peace.

Good night, diary.

Hafez

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Not everyone is guaranteed an education

The Jerusalem Municipality is turning away hundreds of Arab pupils from public schools, saying there is no room, Bill Hutman reports

IMAD Julhan, a 30-year-old unemployed resident of Jerusalem's Old City, says he has learned the hard way the meaning of public education for the city's Arab sector.

For several years, Julhan says, the Jerusalem Municipality has refused to enroll his nine-year-old stepdaughter, Ismat, at the city-run school in the Moslem Quarter, each year being told the classes are all full.

He says he has now given up, and resigned himself to sending Ismat to a private school whose academic level reflects his lack of income.

"What can we do? We don't have any choice," Julhan says.

The scenario Julhan describes at first sounds outlandish. How can it be possible that a local authority in Israel refuses to accept a pupil into the public school system?

Indeed, the question needs to be re-visited, because in eastern Jerusalem, hundreds, if not thousands of Arab youngsters are being refused enrollment in the city's public school on grounds there is no room, according to both municipal and Palestinian sources.

The issue takes on added importance, considering the accusations of Mayor Ehud Olmert, backed up by the government, that the Palestinian Authority is trying to move in on Israel's turf by illegally infiltrating the city's Arab schools. (See sidebar.)

A close look at Arab schools in the city, both public and private, shows a somewhat different picture. The municipality and government appear to have made Arab education in eastern Jerusalem a low priority, leaving a vacuum for anyone who cares to enter.

"We do our best to fit in as many youngsters as possible," said a senior municipality official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "There are [small-sized] classrooms [in Arab schools] that are only supposed to have 30 pupils, and we put in 31 or 32, so we absorb more of the youngsters."

The official said that in a few cases, pupils from one Arab neighborhood are referred to a school in another neighborhood that has a space. "But there is only so much we can do," the official said. "There simply aren't enough [Arab] schools for all the youngsters whose parents try to enroll them."

How many Arab parents in Jerusalem are being told there is no room for their children in the city's school? Municipal sources put the number in the hundreds. But they are also quick to add that many parents simply never ask, because they know what answer they will receive.

A small paragraph in the 1994 report on conditions in eastern Jerusalem compiled by the municipality presents the great scope of the problem.

"In recent years, because of financial problems in the non-municipal [private] schools, pupils have been trying to move to municipal schools," states the report, entitled Municipal Services in the Arab Sector - Analysis of Needs and Responses. "In the past year, about 1,500 pupils asked to transfer from the private ... school system to the municipal system. About 600 of the requests were accepted."

Simple arithmetic shows that, according to the city's own statistics, at least 900 pupils were denied entry into the public school system in 1993.

Where do the Arab pupils that don't fit into the public system go? Jerusalem has an extensive system of private schools, run primarily by churches and the Wafk (the Moslem religious trust), with schools varying greatly in quality.

The 1994 report states there are 44,000 pupils in eastern Jerusalem, 21,000 of whom learn in the 35 municipal schools, and 23,000 in 64 private schools. Municipal sources say the number of pupils in the public schools has risen steadily, to more than half, or about 24,000.

In general, Palestinian families who can afford it send their children to private schools, and those who can't meet the costs send theirs to public schools, according to Nabil Khatab, a researcher with the Kareb Foundation, a leading educational research and pedagogical institute.

Khatab says that matriculation scores on the average are higher in the private schools, the most popular of which include the Schmidt School, just outside Damascus Gate, and St. George's School, near the American Colony Hotel.

"I would only send my girls to a good private school," says a teacher at one of the city's public schools, who asked not to be named. Her children attend one of the top schools, where, she says, they receive a wide range of special classes they would never receive in a public school.

Tuition for top schools is high, at least in eastern Jerusalem terms, normally in the NIS 2,000-a-year range. For most Arab families in the city, sending a single child - let alone several children - to private school is out easy financially.

Olmert, when taking office three years ago, vowed to make improving the city's education system, including in eastern Jerusalem, a



No room to learn? Eastern Jerusalem schoolchildren such as these are lucky to have found a space at school. (Brian Hendler)

top priority. Olmert ordered the compilation of the 1994 report to discover what exactly needed to be done.

When it comes to the chapter on eastern Jerusalem education, Olmert appears to have a very long way to go.

He speaks proudly of the project he was able to push through with the Education Ministry to build 180 classrooms in eastern Jerusalem. The project was originally supposed to be completed by the end of next year, but today only about a dozen classrooms have been completed, and only a few dozen more are scheduled to be finished anytime soon.

The numbers look worse when it comes to classroom construction, considering that in 1994, the year

the project was launched, it was estimated that 345 classrooms were needed. The number of classrooms needed in Arab schools has risen to over 400, municipal sources say.

Olmert has also pointed to the placement of computers in Arab schools as an important step carried out under his administration. But a close look at the city's computer project shows that, in proportion to pupil populations, far fewer computers go to Arab schools than Jewish ones.

City officials have what they say is a reasonable explanation for the lower allotment: Most Arab schools simply lack the class space and infrastructure to put in computers. This seems to mean that if they don't get the classrooms soon, they also won't get the computers.

"We pay our taxes, but don't receive what we are due," says Julhan. "The municipality is responsible for us... but it always considers our needs last."

But Julhan admits he never tried to push the municipality into changing. He says he knows of many other Arab residents whose children were denied entry into city schools, but no one has taken the initiative to do anything about it.

Attorney Shimon Rubin, a senior deputy municipal legal adviser who deals with the educational system, says turning away pupils from the public school system is illegal.

"A parent doesn't have the right to send a child to a specific school, but a place has to be found for the child somewhere in the system," she says.

'PA takeover of Jerusalem's Arab schools inevitable'

THE takeover by the Palestinian Authority of Arab schools in eastern Jerusalem is inevitable, "a natural process that no one can stop," according to Nabil Khatab, a researcher with the Kareb Foundation, a leading education research institute based in Jerusalem.

But until that time, the PA - despite all the headlines in recent weeks declaring that the takeover has already occurred - is barely felt by Jerusalem Arab pupils, according to Khatab and most others directly involved with eastern Jerusalem schools.

Khatab says that eventually Arab schools in the city would come under the authority of the PA, because schools where the authority is viewed as an occupier simply can't function properly. Breakdowns and problems in the school system, such as those that occurred during the intifada, will continue until the Palestinians are given control over their own schools, he said.

Khatab said research he conducted showed that public schools in particular suffered during the intifada - grades dropped and there was greater pupil involvement in rioting than in private schools - because public schools are viewed as "run by the occupiers."

Even after the intifada, the public schools continue to suffer, because they retain the image of being run by outsiders, according to Khatab.

The PA has already made limited penetration into the eastern Jerusalem school system, particularly in private schools. The PA put its emblem on the fronts of textbooks again this year, forcing the municipality to scramble to cover the emblems with stickers on the books that went to its schools. In the private schools, the PA eagle continues to blazon the covers.

A look inside the books, however, shows they are no different from the ones used before the PA was created. The PA Education Ministry has talked much about creating its own curriculum and school books, but the work on these projects continues, with no results yet.

Palestinian educators and parents told *The Jerusalem Post* that since the PA was founded three years ago, private Arab schools in the city have held graduation ceremonies with PA officials present, PLO flag flying, and the Palestinian national anthem sung.

A handful of private-school teachers' salaries are paid for by the PA, according to Palestinian sources. But this is the exception. Most of the Arab private schools in the city remain in the control of the church or other welfare group which founded them.

"I know of at least one public school in which the pupils asked to raise the PLO flag to mark some Palestinian memorial day," Khatab said. The municipality, not surprisingly, rejected the proposal, he said.

Samir Jundi, International Secretary of the General Union of Palestinian Teachers, said all teachers and principals hired for public schools by the municipality are first checked by the General Security Service to ensure it keeps a strong hold on the schools.

"I myself applied for a job as a sports teacher in 1981, but I was rejected because I had served a several months' sentence for membership in Fatah," Jundi said.

Palestinians from the territories are also ineligible to teach in city schools, according to Jundi. This, however, he attributed only in part to the attempt by the municipality to keep a tight hold on the schools, and largely to the difficulty a teacher from the territories would have getting to work during the frequent closures.

Jundi said the major change teachers have felt since the PA was established is that a few dozen took part in enrichment courses offered by the PA Education Ministry in Ramallah. Otherwise, everything continues as before for the teachers, he said.

"I wish the PA would do more," Jundi said. "I think all Palestinians in Jerusalem feel this way. There is a great need for more schools, for better schools, in Jerusalem. The Israelis don't seem to care, and the PA talks a lot about what it's going to do, but does hardly anything at all," Palestinian sources said one move being considered by the PA Education Ministry is establishing its own schools in Jerusalem under the rubric of the private school system - which operates in total independence from the Israeli authorities.

"I don't deal in politics," Jundi said. "What's important for me is that there be a good education system in Jerusalem, that my children go to good schools. I don't care whether it's Israel or the PA that provides them." B.H.

However, Rubin says she has received no complaints from Arab parents that their children were turned down on the grounds of lack of space, and the issue has yet to reach her office.

If the allegations are indeed true, she admits, the municipality would have difficulty defending its position.

Camp David: Is there life 18 years later?

ON the anniversary of the Camp David Accords, diplomats and officials ask whether there is, 18 years later, any life left in the agreements.

The commemoration of Camp David had little of the atmosphere of the historic event. This week's reunion took place at the Hebrew University's Truman Institute, and the only surviving leader at Camp David, Jimmy Carter, did not attend.

Camp David was US president Jimmy Carter's last throw of the dice to obtain a peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Carter scheduled three days for it, but in the end, prime minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian president Anwar Sadat were secluded for 13 days in the hills of Maryland.

On September 17, 1978, Begin did what most everyone thought he would never do: he signed away the

Officials involved in the historic negotiations speak about the event's place in history and its impact on the present, Steve Rodan relates

entire Sinai peninsula, complete with oil fields and airports. And, Sadat, who less than five years earlier launched a massive surprise attack, agreed to sign a peace treaty with and open an embassy in Israel without a resolution of the Palestinian problem or a guarantee that any Arab leader would join him in a peace accord.

"Sadat was one of the most interesting men I've ever met in my life," recalled President Ezer Weizman, then Begin's defense minister and the most senior per-

sonality to attend the reunion. "I believe what brought Sadat [to Jerusalem in 1977] was that he was the first Arab leader who gave us a bloody nose. No war is pleasant, but the Yom Kippur War was especially unpleasant."

Weizman saw Camp David, which he regards as the forerunner of the Oslo accords, as proof that people determine events. Carter, Begin and Sadat were as different as three men can be. But they all were charismatic, ambitious and wanted a place in history.

Weizman appears to have the fondest memories of Sadat. Both men loved drama and conversation, and were loath to grapple with details.

Simcha Dinitz, then Israel's ambassador to Washington, recalls that during each crisis in the Camp David negotiations - and there were several - Weizman would walk into Sadat's cabin. The two men would spend several hours talking and then emerge. "They would come out, and we now had one airport less," Dinitz recalled, "but the peace was still live."

Other conditions include a substantial period of secret negotiations, so that each party has an idea how the conflict could be resolved. The remaining elements are a supportive international environment and an agreed process of negotiations. Those elements, he says, do not seem present in Israel's negotiations with Syria. "I have my own doubts," Lewis said, "very grave doubts."

Lewis says all five elements appeared at Camp David. But still there were misunderstandings. The biggest, he recalls, was the argument over whether Begin had promised Carter to freeze settlements during the five years of negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Carter insisted Begin had made such a pledge. The prime minister said the freeze he agreed to would last only three months. The US president walked away convinced that he had been double-crossed.

Lewis appeared to side with Begin's version. His lesson to diplomats is don't negotiate when you're exhausted and always let somebody else take notes.

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Nazi gold, Swiss shame

Revelations about their hoards of Nazi gold are embarrassing the Swiss, Douglas Davis reports from London

GREED, fraud, intrigue and theft form the subtext of a dry, 23-page British Foreign Office report which reveals the discreet role Switzerland played as Nazi Germany's money-launderer and principal banker during World War II.

It is a shameful period in the history of Switzerland, a country which hid behind its self-righteous insistence on banking secrecy while making huge fortunes as a result of Nazi policies.

Between 1940 and 1944, Switzerland's gold reserves doubled, from \$503 million to \$1,040 million.

From 1939, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of gold bars - looted from the treasuries of Nazi-occupied Europe and from its Jewish populations - were shipped across the border from Germany to Switzerland, where much of it was converted into hard currency to finance the German war effort.

By the end of the war, Swiss banks were thought to be left holding about \$500m. in Nazi gold (about \$7b. at current values). That figure has now been revised upward to some \$650m. (equivalent to about \$9b. today), and British officials believe almost 90 percent of the hoard is still in Swiss vaults.

When British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind visits Zurich next week, he will tell his Swiss counterpart, Flavio Cotti, of the "strong views held in Britain," and he will urge the Swiss government to return the plundered billions.

That, however, might be easier

said than done: The gold looted from countries which fell under Nazi occupation after 1939, along with jewelry, money and religious objects stolen from Jews, were sent to Germany, melted down and made into ingots.

These recycled bars then received the Reichsbank imprint and a pre-war date stamp, providing a fig-leaf for delicate Swiss sensibilities and making it impossible to determine the true origin or age of the Nazi gold.

The British report, published this week under pressure from Jewish parliamentarian Greville Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, paints a picture of the Allies' attempts to keep track of the Nazi gold trail and of their impotence to stop this sale of looted treasure.

It notes that by 1939, Germany had defaulted on its loans, exhausted its credit and was conducting almost all its trade on a barter basis.

Yet when the war started in September 1939, British officials estimated that Germany's coffers had already received injections of gold worth \$97m. - from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Danzig - which was used directly to pay for imports of raw materials or sold for foreign currency.

Albert Thoms, head of the precious metals department at the Reichsbank, explained the procedure to British interrogators immediately after the war: Loot seized by the Wehrmacht went directly to the Reichsbank (Treasury), but loot seized by the Schutzstaffeln (SS) was handled exclusively by the Reichsbank.

The SS treasure was deposited in a holding account in the name of "Melmer" and, after being assessed, its value was transferred to an account in the name of "Max Heiliger."

Most of the re-smelting, he said, was conducted by Degussa (Deutsche Gold-und-Silber-Scheidanalt), which apparently paid a higher price for precious metals than the Mint.

While large stocks accumulated in the Reichsbank and other secret hiding places in Germany, much of the gold was transferred abroad to banks in neutral countries such as Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

British success in tracking these sometimes tortuous transactions depended on intercepting cables, movements of bank returns and occasional "confidential reports."

Britain put pressure on neutral states to minimize their trade with Germany, but Switzerland was particularly vulnerable. It was landlocked, shared a border with Germany and, after the fall of France, was surrounded by Axis powers.

"Too tight a squeeze on German-Swiss trade," noted one British document, "might result in German occupation of Switzerland, or in pushing Switzerland further into the Axis camp, both to the detriment of Britain's own war effort."

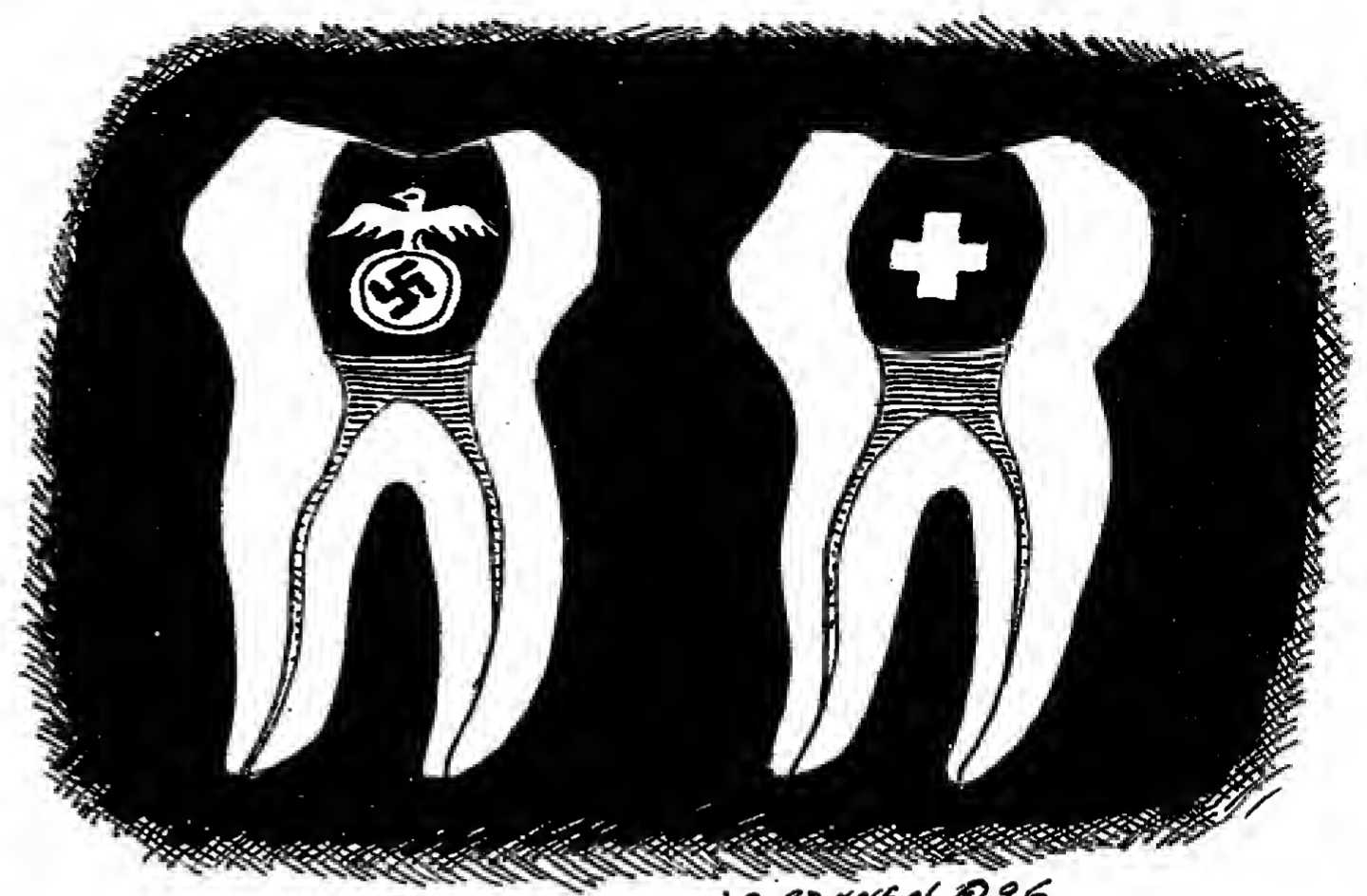
When it entered the war in 1941, the United States was also exercised by the cozy arrangement between Germany and Switzerland, but like Britain, it was uncertain about how to put pressure on the Swiss.

Eventually, in January 1943, the Allies issued a highly legalistic statement reserving their rights to declare "invalid" any transfers of, or dealings with, property, rights and interests... which are, or have been, situated in the territories which have come under the occupation or control, direct or indirect, of the governments with which they are at war."

At the same time, the Bank of England declared it would not pay interest or dividends to anyone living in Switzerland or Sweden until the governments of those countries provided an assurance that their gold holdings were "free from enemy taint."

Moreover, an official from the Bank of England informed the Swiss Embassy in London that their country could expect "the maximum amount of trouble after the war."

Stung by the Allies' bluntness, and realizing that the tide of war had turned decisively against Germany, Switzerland announced it would not accept gold from



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anyone in German-occupied territory, and in December 1944, blocked all Hungarian, Slovak and Croatian accounts in Switzerland.

WITH THE war over, Britain and the US demanded the gold to compensate for war losses. There was no legal basis for the claim and the Swiss said that such a demand constituted a violation of their neutral status.

The Allies appealed on moral grounds, asserting that Swiss bondholders amounted to about \$200m. The Swiss flatly denied they had handled looted Nazi gold, but as the discussions became more animated, the chief Swiss negotiator unaccountably mentioned a figure of \$500 million.

In March 1946, Swiss negotiators arrived in New York and by May they finally agreed to a one-off payment to the Allies of 250 million Swiss francs in gold (\$80m., about \$700m. today) - just one-tenth of their actual holdings - to be paid into the Federal Reserve Bank in New York.

"On balance," a British Treasury brief noted at the time, "the Allied negotiators had every reason to be satisfied that the best terms possible were made." Britain initially argued that identifiable gold should be returned to its owners, while the rest should form part of the reparations settlement.

However, they were forced to acquiesce in the American and French view that because it would be impossible to identify the owners of the gold, it should simply be divided among countries entitled to restitution in proportion to their losses.

None of the money has been paid out and more than 50 years after the event, the Holocaust survivors and their descendants are still waiting to see just how the Swiss, the British and the Americans deal with the shameful issue of the Nazi gold.

Their wait might have been shortened by the announcement this week that the highly secretive Tripartite Commission, set up in 1946 to decide what to do with the gold, has finally decided to disburse the \$80m. held in New York and Britain among 10 European countries whose coffers were plundered by the Nazis.

Details of the payout were, in fact, made about 15 years ago but the execution has been delayed by Albania's dispute over the share it should receive.

The three-man commission revealed that the impasse is expected to be broken later this year, at which point the money will be distributed and the commission wound up.

None of the money will go directly to victims of the Holocaust: rather it will be delivered to the various governments whose claims have been accepted and they will adjudicate individual claims.

The focus of British campaigner Greville Janner, however, is still firmly on Switzerland, which, he says, has "a moral obligation to think again about restoring gold reserves, now worth billions, to countries from which they were seized."

"And not only to the countries, but to the victims or their families. The numbers of potential claimants is no excuse for refusing to restore what is legally and morally theirs."

Nazi gold may have come from victims' teeth

SOME of the Nazi gold captured in the Second World War and now held in Swiss banks may have come from melted-down teeth filings, according to a previously secret US government document made public last week.

The document, a 1946 letter from a diplomat at the US Embassy in Paris to the secretary of state, refers to 8,307 gold bars found in April 1945 by US soldiers in a salt mine near Merkers, Germany, along with other gold, jewels, gold wedding rings, cash and 400 Old Master paintings.

The treasures stashed at Merkers were sent there by Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels, who wanted to keep the contents of the German Reichsbank and Berlin National Gallery artworks from Soviet troops advancing on the German capital.

The document was found by researchers for the World Jewish Congress in the US National Archives and turned over to the Senate Banking Committee headed by New York Republican senator Alfonse D'Amato, which

has been investigating whether the looted assets of Holocaust victims were still in Swiss banks.

"We are filled with horror over the document's content but feel compelled to release it by the demands of history and justice. It is just a horrifying document," said Elan Steinberg, the WJC's executive director, of the letter written by US Embassy Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs Livingston Merchant.

In the letter, Merchant said he put a question mark next to an inventory listing for the gold bars because of its questionable origin. He then asked that tests be performed to determine if the gold bars represented "gold teeth filings and therefore classifiable as non-monetary gold."

Steinberg said it was possible that the gold was collected from victims and turned into gold bars which were then housed at the Reichsbank. Last week's report by the British Foreign Office described the Merkers hoard as "spectacular and substantial." It said it represented 20 percent of all gold held in Germany.

(Reuters)



Swiss Minister Flavio Cotti (right) and Chief of the National Bank Hans Meyer end their meeting in Berne on Monday after announcing the National Council's decision to investigate any remaining Jewish money in Swiss banks. (AP)

Swiss come under increasing pressure

MARILYN HENRY

THE efforts to recover moneys deposited by Jews in Swiss banks are being hampered by a series of sensational articles that imply "secret deals" which were in fact publicized at the time and "recently declassified documents" that have been in the public domain for 20 years.

There's no shortage of scandal in *L'Affaire Suisse*, but much of it is not new. It simply has become sensational 50 years later.

Much of the current drama has been powered by a dazzling collection of raw intelligence documents known as "Safe Haven," which refer to a broad World War II effort by the US Treasury, Justice and State departments to find Nazi loot in Europe.

With their references to plunder, Nazi gold and shady deals, the Safe Haven documents paint a picture of avarice and suspense worthy of best-selling spy novels. And they have acquired an additional veneer of mystery because they are routinely referred to as "recently declassified," as if they had been kept under wraps for 50 years.

"At least 90 percent of these could have been viewed 20 years ago," says a senior archivist at the US Senate Banking Committee in April and in a steady stream of reports by Jewish organizations.

Of particular interest is the 1946 Washington Agreement, under which Switzerland agreed to turn over to the Allies 250 million Swiss francs to settle claims for looted gold held in Switzerland.

That agreement, though widely publicized at the time, was all but forgotten and apparently caught both the British and American gov-

ernments unawares when they were recently challenged to explain their postwar dealings with Bern and Zurich. A half-century later, Switzerland is being called upon to produce a larger share of the Nazi loot, while Washington and London are assailed for accepting a flawed deal.

The Safe Haven documents, reported with great fanfare, essentially revise post-war history, often in ways that detract from the Jewish organizations' original point, which was to recover assets.

Several historians contacted by *The Jerusalem Post* noted that many of the materials only seem to muddy the waters. The documents may interest or incite, but they don't restore assets, one observer noted.

He cited as examples documents that indicate that the bank of the family of Raoul Wallenberg had Nazi sympathies, that the Bally shoe company allegedly stockpiled stolen leather, and that Hitler deposited royalties from his book *Mein Kampf* in a Swiss bank.

The so-called Volcker Committee is now preparing for a narrow investigation of dormant Holocaust-era accounts in Swiss banks, while the Swiss parliament has been expected to pass legislation this session that will allow an inquiry into its wartime relations with the Nazis.

Both are operating in a highly charged environment.

Some American and Swiss observers expressed the fear that

the same publicity that first convinced the Swiss to conduct these inquiries could backfire now that the Swiss have come to the table. "I think it's counterproductive,"

one Swiss source said of the continuing stream of Safe Haven documents.

"We are in the run-up period for the discussion for the new law.

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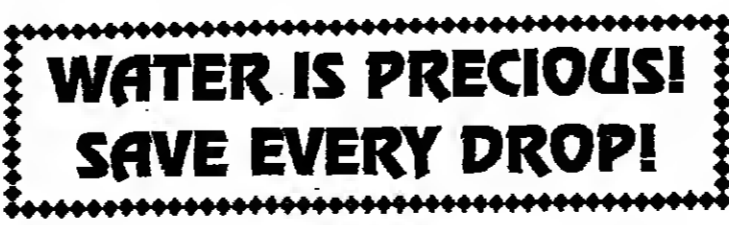
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Yom Kippur in a Siberian prison camp

In 1940, Polish townspeople were expelled to a Siberian work camp, where they spent a grueling Yom Kippur. Jerusalemite Zev Katz recalls their courage and religious commitment

At the beginning of World War II, the Germans occupied our town of Jaroslav in southern Poland. Two weeks later, they expelled the Jews of the town to the east, where we found ourselves under Soviet rule. The Soviets twice conducted a registration of the refugees, during which we were asked: "Do you want to become a Soviet citizen or is it your wish to return to your old home in Poland, after the war?"

Like so many others, we registered once for Soviet citizenship and once for returning home. The general feeling among the refugees was that if you didn't register for a return you would never be able to do so. The registration rounds were conducted late in the winter and in the early spring of 1940. Then, in June 1940, the KGB rounded up all those who had registered to return. We were arrested and exiled to "Barrack 9," a tiny settlement in the forests of the Altai Mountains in Southern Siberia, close to the borders of China and Mongolia.

At this open family prison, we numbered about 40 families - 150 people. All the exiles in our barrack were Jewish. From later information we estimated that the "Polish Jewish refugees" exiled that night, amounted to some 200,000 to 300,000 souls.

The second night after our arrival was Friday night. Both my parents were from deeply religious families.

As Shabbat approached, my mother pulled out from our bundles one candle. She broke it in two and covered her head with a scarf. Then she covered her eyes with her hands, and as she pronounced the traditional prayer and kindled the candles, two small tears slowly flowed down her cheeks.

In our room we started, quietly, to say our prayers and sing the well-known Shabbat songs. Through the thin partitions we heard others singing in their rooms.

Suddenly, the door to our room was wrenched open violently. In the open frame stood one of our bosses - a huge threatening man. "I am warning you, one of this nonsense! Next time you will be punished severely," he shouted. "What do you think this is, a synagogue?" He stepped forward into our room, blew out the candles,

turned around and left, slamming the door. We remained in the dark. The incident did not intimidate us to stop lighting lights (we did not always have candles) in honor of Shabbat. Nor did we refrain from singing our Shabbat songs. We posted sentries of our own at the entrance to the barrack, to warn us if any of the bosses were coming. And we did our singing and prayers quietly - in case of informers in our midst.

THE SHOWDOWN came soon enough - Yom Kippur.

Not that I myself was religious - nor were so many of us (especially among the young) - but Yom Kippur was deeply embedded in our tradition. We found a way to mark it even, when for a short time, we were under the Germans. Besides, in the conditions of the barrack, this was a matter of "national-ethnic" self-assertion.

On Yom Kippur we went "to work" in the furthest part of "our" wood. On the day before, we did more work than usual to cover up for not working the next day - as long as we were not supervised. We agreed with all the others, who were not under guard, to meet at 10 in the morning at a far-away dugout in the woods. Opposite its door, there was a huge tree trunk on a small hill. In the absence of a Torah scroll, we placed a small Bible on it - which one of us had somehow kept, and we wrapped an old prayer shawl around the cut trunk. This we proclaimed our Holy Ark.

Our small group gathered around, and we started our Yom Kippur service.

We posted some young members of our group as sentries at strategic places so they could warn us in case any of our bosses approached. I looked around; all the congregants were quite aware that if we were discovered, it might end in a severe accusation of an illegal assembly, refusal to work and conspiracy. Such matters meant years of harsh imprisonment and separation from our families with little hope of ever seeing them again.

The people around me were just as frightened as I was at that moment, yet they did not falter. Only two of us had prayer books, and even these were battered. One elderly, bearded man who had a book stepped forward and started intoning the ancient, solemn

prayer of Kol Nidrei. The old man must have been some kind of cantor, since he sang and intoned the prayers in the traditional manner. My two brothers and I used to sing in the choir in our synagogue back at home. So we joined in and

together it sounded like a proper service.

Some of the participants couldn't hold back; they were crying openly while beating their breasts: "Our Father, our King, we have sinned before thee. Be merciful, forgive us, have mercy upon us..."

Since we were without prayer books, we simply repeated the words after the leader. And, although we were trying to be

quiet for fear of being heard by the bosses, it seemed that the ancient forest was reverberating, with the prayers going up straight to heaven.

"O God of Israel, save thy People Israel! Return us to Zion, to Your Holy City, Jerusalem," we chanted. What could be further from us in a corner of the endless Siberian forest than Jerusalem, I thought.

Then we intoned the customary



prayer in memory of the dead with grave solemnity: "O Lord, let there come before thee the shining memory of those who departed this world..."

Suddenly we froze. From afar, the barking of dogs was heard. This meant only one thing: our bosses were on a search for us. Disaster was near.

Our sentries came running back yelling "Run! Disperse!" Within seconds, the prayer shawl was off, the books hidden, and we were all sneaking off in different directions.

Either we were lucky, or the bosses were not too keen to find us out, and we were all able to return to the barrack as if nothing had happened.

Once at the barrack we learned about what had happened. Some of the people at our settlement, especially the old, were deeply religious. One of them, Abraham Kaufman, was from our town in Poland. I remembered how he used to stand proudly in front of his dry-goods emporium, with a long white beard - a highly respected citizen.

"You can do to me whatever you like - beat me, arrest me - I shall absolutely not work on Yom Kippur," he told the bosses. They tried all kinds of ways to break him but he stood his ground. Then one of them - an especially evil type - went over to him and whispered something into his ear. Kaufman's face became as white as chalk.

Then with a considerable effort (he was fasting since the previous sundown) he stood up, got hold of a saw and together with another bearded veteran, they started sawing wood in the courtyard of the barrack.

What did the evil boss whisper into Kaufman's ear? At first we did not know since he would not reveal it.

Within several days of this incident he was dead - his heart could not stand the humiliation and coercion. We gave Kaufman a traditional Jewish burial. His body was washed and wrapped in a white sheet. It was put in a coffin of wooden planks, covered with a prayer shawl and carried in procession to the nearest hill where a grave was dug.

He was eulogized by one of the elders and then the two sons said Kaddish. Another old bearded man intoned "El Malei Rahamin," the prayer for the dead. We dispersed - quietly, unhindered.

One of the sons of the deceased disclosed, at last, what the evil boss had whispered into Kaufman's ear on Yom Kippur: "Start working, or we take away not only your food-ration card but also those of your entire family, including your grandchildren's. Then you will be responsible for their painful death from hunger. And don't delude yourself, we would do it."

Kaufman worked on Yom Kippur to save his family.

Though some perished in Siberia, the great majority survived exile and WWII, returned to Poland and mostly made aliya (like our entire family).

Of those of our family and friends who were not exiled and who cried over us when they saw us led away by a security guard, almost none remained alive. They all perished in the Holocaust.

Paradoxical are the ways of history: By exiling us from the remote Soviet-German border, the KGB actually saved us and several hundred thousand other Jews.

Ah, to be Jewish in America on the holidays

MARILYN HENRY

THE calendar is kind to American Jewish workers this year. With Rosh Hashana and Succot falling on the weekend, most will be spared the annual bagging and expense of arranging from two to six days off to celebrate the holidays. Although most Americans are not observant, more than two-thirds tell pollsters they attend services during the High Holy Days. But if they are in the synagogue, they are not at work. This is often inconvenient for employers and expensive for the employee.

"You would think that employers would go along, but there tends to be resistance on the part of too many employers to give workers the flexibility to make the arrangements for time off," said Sally Greenberg, the legal adviser of the Anti-Defamation League in Boston.

For employers, religious holidays touch on both the law and public relations. Employers are bound by federal law to accommodate their employees' religious practices, but only if this does not place an "undue burden" on the workplace. This vague concept can be measured in money and aggravation.

The employer may decide that the company's image is worth the burden, but then the worker picks up the tab. Some Jewish workers complain about the cost. They argue that the calendar accommodates Christians, with Christmas and Easter as national holidays, while they may have to exhaust an entire annual two-weeks vacation, dribbling it away a day or two at a time for holidays.

Workers' horror tales also extend to some Jewish agencies, publishers and newspapers that don't insist that employees work on holidays, but require that they use vacation days to get the time off. Or a Jewish firm may accommodate the Reform calendar, which celebrates fewer days for holidays than the 13 days observed by Conservative and Orthodox Jews.

Marc Stern, an attorney for the American Jewish Congress, is more sanguine about employers' generosity than Greenberg. "Generally, employers don't give people a hard time" about the holidays, Stern said. But he added: "They won't get the holidays off the way they want. They won't get paid."

In the New York City public schools, there's no problem taking time off, said one teacher. Although New York is more liberal than most employers when it comes to Jewish holidays, the teacher said she still pays - in days or dollars. "I lose the pay or I lose vacation days," she said.

Some employers don't balk at the idea of Jewish holidays, just at the number of them. When it comes to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Stern said: "Employers have heard of them. They don't think you are making something up." Many also know of the holiday of Succot, because they have seen photographs of succot in newspapers.

The challenge, Stern said, is having the public become aware of Shavnot. "What are you going to do? Show them a picture of cheesecake?"

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To be or not to be? Weighing the right to parenthood

AGAINST THE GRAIN
HILLEL HALKIN

There is, it strikes me, something odd about the Supreme Court's decision handed down last week in the Ruti Nahmani case.

Despite their seven-to-four split, all 11 of the judges who heard the case agreed that it was an unusually difficult one to decide, there being no right and wrong in it but rather two "rights" of which only one could prevail. As put by Judge Eliahu Mazza who voted with the majority to allow Ruti Nahmani to proceed with the implantation in a blast uterus of an ovum fertilized in 1991 by her subsequently divorced husband's sperm:

"Ruti Nahmani wants to become a mother, and she has justice on her side. Danny Nahmani does not want to be the parent of joint children with Ruti, and he has justice on his side."

Weighing these two claims, Judge Mazza nevertheless found for Ruti because, "The justice on Ruti's side is greater than the jus-

tice on Danny's side... We must prefer imposing a specific limitation on Danny's right not to be an unwilling father to a more sweeping limitation on Ruti's right to be a mother. The harm inflicted on Danny's rights by the first limitation is intrinsically less than that inflicted on Ruti's rights by the second limitation."

I must say that, although it is easy to understand and sympathize with Ruti Nahmani, a woman who lost her womb to cancer, it is far from clear what the "right to parenthood," referred to as self-evident by nearly all the judges, consists of. Until now no such right has been recognized by Israeli law, and even if one looks at more rights-conscious democracies than our own, one would be hard-pressed to find such a concept.

Classical human-rights theory, as exemplified by the first 10 amendments to the American Constitution, is more negatively than positively formulated and is

primarily concerned with protecting citizens from arbitrary government encroachments, not with guaranteeing them anything specific beyond this. Even the more broadly phrased American Declaration of Independence prudently speaks of the "inalienable rights" of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" alone.

Like many women, Ruti Nahmani may feel that she needs a child to be happy; but nearly everyone feels that way about something, whether it be a field of work, a love relationship, or a sense of meaning in one's life—all things that no government can be expected to promise us, although none must be allowed to unreasonably hinder our efforts to attain them.

Suppose for the sake of the argument, however, that there is a special "right to parenthood" and that

it is greater than the right not to be made a parent against one's will. Is there not also, then, a third right that was strangely absent from the judges' deliberations: the right of a child to have two parents, one a mother and one a father?

True, we live in a world in which one-parent families, almost always headed by mothers, some divorced and many never-married, are not unusual, and this is a trend that shows signs of spreading to Israel, even if we are in this respect still far behind some of the more "advanced" countries of Europe and the Americas.

Yet there are many trends in the world today — the use of hard drugs is one — that are social pathologies which no sane society would wish to promote as a norm; and inasmuch as both the accumulated anthropological experience of mankind and the psychological

investigations of our own age indicate that children need the steady presence of a father or male father-figure in order to become emotionally healthy adults, the one-parent family — as an overall rule if not necessarily in every case — must be considered socially pathological too.

IN A court decision based so heavily on moral and emotional factors — or, in the words of Judge Eliezer Goldberg, also a member of the majority, on "the sorrow of Ruti as an involuntarily barren woman" — the apparently unthinking blessing given to such a pathology is remarkable. It is one thing, after all, through divorce, custody and welfare laws, to make provisions for one-parent children who have been born or created; it is quite another to insist on the right to bring them into the world

from a frozen cell in a test tube. Nor can one take seriously the comparison, made by several of the judges, between the Nahmani case and that of a pregnant woman who has the legal right to bear the child she is carrying even if its father wishes her to abort. This right has to do only with a woman's control over her own body, as is easily seen by considering the opposite case. Suppose an unmarried pregnant mother wanted an abortion and the fetus's father objected on the grounds of his right to parenthood — is it likely that any of the seven justices who upheld Ruti Nahmani's appeal would side with him?

Rather, underlying the court's decision, it seems to me, are a set of unexamined ideological assumptions whose ultimate roots lie partly in contemporary feminist and partly in a more inclusive "anti-family" coalition that has developed in recent decades in the United States and that also

includes gay-rights militants; activists in the black and other minority communities in which illegitimacy and broken-home rates are especially high; social welfare professionals; and many politically liberal intellectuals with their anti-bourgeois — or what today might be called "socially deconstructionist" — views.

One of these assumptions is that having children, like having sex, is something that one does or does not do for one's own pleasure, and that pleasure is as far as possible to be denied no one. A second is that men and women are in most respects interchangeable, in family life no less than in society. A third is that one parent, backed by the social and educational apparatus of the state, is just as good as two.

These assumptions are harmful enough in America, where they come to rationalize a situation that exists. In Israel, where it does not yet exist, it would be worse than foolish to import them.

The essence of being

A VIEW FROM NOV
MOSHE KOHN

You have three names: the name your parents bestow on you, the name by which others call you, and the name you earn for yourself through your conduct.

Sanhedrin 44a
One's name is the very essence of one's soul.

Rabbi Hayim Soloveitchik of Volozhin, in his Ruah Hayim commentary on Avot 1:1

YOM KIPPUR is the day of the ineffable Name. In Temple days, it was the only occasion the High Priest might enter the Holy of Holies. In fact it was the only time anyone was permitted to enter that shrine, except the laborers who repaired, who could enter whenever necessary.

On Yom Kippur the High Priest entered in order to conduct the High Service, during which — also the only occasion — he pronounced the Tetragrammaton, the four-lettered Name of God that was otherwise forbidden to utter.

We don't know how he pronounced the Name. Its consonants, *yod-heh-vav-heh*, are represented in the Roman alphabet by the characters *y-h-w-h*, and it is traditionally vowelized with the sounds *a-o-a-ly*, and pronounced as though it were a form of the Hebrew word *adon*, meaning *master/lord*.

Early Greek Christian writers asserted that the Name was pronounced "Yahweh." Poet/novelist/mythologist Robert Graves speculated (in his *The White Goddess*) that this Name of Names was really an uttering of the full vowel range, "iaoue."

Today observant Jews pronounce it in its "master/lord" form when it appears in prayer and in Torah reading or Tanach study. Otherwise they pronounce it "Hashem," meaning simply "The Name."

In "secular" writing, too, observant Jews never spell out the Tetragrammaton, replacing it by the Hebrew letter *dalet* or *heh*, which is also read as "Hashem."

As for the practise of writing "G-d" in English, a student of a leading Orthodox rabbi and teacher told me that his teacher once answered a question concerning that usage by writing "GOD" on the blackboard and promptly erasing it. I understand that observant Francophone Jews, too, customarily write "D," rather than the full "Dieu."

Some commentators make much of the fact that the consonants of the Tetragrammaton seem to make it a declension of the verb *to become*, whose root, *ha-yo*, is written with the letters *heh-yod-heh*, as is "haya' was."

There is no "am/is/are" in Hebrew, about which Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote: "Wisely the Hebrews admit no present tense in their language; / While we are speaking the word, it is already the Past" (*Elegiac Verse*). The term for "present (tense)" is "hoveh," spelled *heh-vav-heh*. "Will be" is "yih'yeh," spelled *yod-heh-vav-yod-heh*. The excitement of those commentators is heightened by God's response to Moses' request to know His Name, which God says is — "Ehyeh asher eh'yeh" (Exodus 3:14). This has 18 possible readings in various combinations of the following: "I shall become/am / Who/What I am/become/shall be."

Accordingly, then, God's Name is "Being/Becoming" — Rabbi Soloveitchik's "very essence." (Incidentally, "essence" stems from the Latin word for "being.")

A related insight into human being/becoming is that of the father of the logotherapy ("healing through meaning") school of

psychotherapy, Prof. Viktor Frankl: "Man not only behaves according to what he is, he also becomes what he is according to how he behaves" (*Man's Search for Meaning*).

ONE'S NAME represents the bearer's particularity, individuality. "A myrtle among thorns is still called 'myrtle,'" say the Sages (*Sanhedrin 44a*).

Respect for particularity, individuality, distinctiveness, difference — except where idolatry is concerned — indeed virtual sanctification of them, stands at the center of the Jewish world outlook, as an integral part of the belief in a universe brought into being by a purposeful Creator. The Sages tell us that God created only one human being at first in order to teach us that when we sustain even a single life, we have sustained an entire world, and when we destroy as much as one single life, we have destroyed an entire world (*Sanhedrin 37a, Bava Batra 11a*).

It is through the individual, the particular, that we reach the universal. "The particular is the general," Goethe says in a poem on which Kurt Riezler comments: "This universal humanism becomes visible only to the inner richness of the particular. Here it becomes concrete. The particular is concrete by virtue of its many forces, relations, factors, grown together in its particularity."

On another scale, "the way to human society passes through national society," the French Nobel Prize-winning novelist/philosopher Albert Camus said.

PARTICULARITY, individuality, is a very fragile thing. It — one's fellow's no more and no less than one's own — must be tended with care. Healthy individuality doesn't mean unbridled egotism, doesn't mean total permissiveness. Neither can it mean a rigid "Love thy neighbor as thyself" or a careless, unqualified reliance on "reasonable-ness" to human relations.

"In a society where there is no law and in theory no compulsion," George Orwell wrote, "the only arbiter of behavior is public opinion. But public opinion, because of the tremendous urge to conformity in gregarious animals, is less tolerant than any system of law. When human beings are governed by 'Thou shalt not,' the individual can practise a certain amount of eccentricity; when they are supposedly governed by 'love' and 'reason,' [the individual] is under continuous pressure to... behave and think exactly the same way as anyone else does" (quoted in *The Coercive Utopias* by Rael Jean and Erich Isaac).

Or, as Viktor Frankl has put it, "Unlike an animal, Man is no longer told by drives and instincts what he must do. And in contrast to Man in former times, he is no longer told by tradition and values what he should do. Now, knowing neither what he must do nor what he should do, he sometimes does not even know basically what he wishes to do — which is conformism — or he does what other people wish him to do — which is totalitarianism" (*The Unconscious God*).

The 19th-century bassidic leader, Rabbi Menahem Mendel Morgenstern of Kotzk, beautifully summed up the sanctity of individuality and the essence of being in this epigram: "If I am I because I am I and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But if I am I [solely] because you are you and you are you [solely] because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you."

Dry Bones



Donations needed for schoolbooks

Following the tragic suicide of the young boy whose parents had failed to make the "book fee" payment, the media has been beating its breast about this terrible Israeli iniquity.

While I agree with the critics of the present system and the failure of the Ministry of Education to solve this perennial problem, I am dealing with the situation on the ground.

Everyday, the mailman dumps on my desk pleas for assistance and the fax machine spews them out by the meter. Help! Help! Family with four children needs NIS 300 for each one to get school books. Family living in development town, three kids of school age, needs NIS 1,200 now, otherwise the youngsters are going to school without the wherewithal.

Maybe next year, the Ministry of Education will have come up with a solution, but I'm dealing with the problem this year and that's why I'm turning to you for help. I'm looking for NIS 100,000 in the next few weeks to solve the requests now piling up on my desk — and they are just the tip of the iceberg. So don't hesitate, rush you your moneys in and even if you gave last tooth, please give again. Send your checks today to: The Jerusalem Post Funds, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000.

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A strange day of contrasts

SHABBAT SHALOM
SHLOMO RISKIN

ON a ski lift in the mountains. A perfect day. Suddenly the cables snap. Death is seconds away. Strangely, there is no fear of impending extinction, but rather a haunting question: "Who will mourn me?" The answer brings a cold sweat. "Only my mother."

Is it possible that one's life has meant so little? What about children? But the heart knows they were lost long ago; at best they would produce artificial tears. And mother would have mourned the death of a newborn. Does that mean that nothing done in a lifetime had moved any one?

The event described wasn't a dream. The man came down from that mountain determined to change his life, and he did. He became generous, open, loving, touching many, many people.

As we approach Yom Kippur, this could serve as a metaphor. Yom Kippur is a strange day, filled with great contrasts: the shroud-like white robe as we intone the words: "Whose time is up and whose is not, who by fire and who by water," as well as the spiritual high as we chant "we are Your children and You are our Father."

On the one hand we fast for 25 hours, forbidden to bathe, engage in marital relations, or wear leather shoes — a day when our very existence is brought into question. But the great fast is not only a day of frightening awakenings. The many peaks of the Yom Kippur liturgy allow a Jew to become a newly created being. The fast is not only a way to afflict our souls, but it's also a means by which to transcend the limitations of our physical bodies; for one day a year we are allowed entry into a realm closer to the angels. The atonement of Yom Kippur purifies us, and we become dizzy with joy as we scale the heights to heaven.

MAYBE this is why people approach Yom Kippur with one step forward and two steps back. Nowhere is this dichotomy more vivid than in two consecutive verses in *Aharei Mot*, the Torah portion containing the Yom Kippur service.

In the first verse we read: "And this shall be a statute forever to you, that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls." (Lev. 16: 29) And immediately following we read: "This is because on this day you shall have all your sins atoned, so that you will be cleansed. Before God you shall be purified."

Is it a day of affliction, or a day of forgiveness? And if it's both, how does a day that afflicts the soul redeem the person?

To understand these ideas, we turn to Maimonides's *Laws of Repentance*, where he describes what happens to us on the day of judgment. If a person has more merits than transgressions, he is called righteous (*tzaddik*), and if he has more transgressions than merits, he is called wicked (*rasha*). Most of us are neither one nor the other, and teaches this great sage, "the individual will die in his wickedness" unless he performs a mitzva to tip the scale in his favor.

What seems difficult is that

Maimonides seems to be speaking of another kind of repentance. He writes that "a person should attempt to do *teshuva* and to confess the sins from his mouth, and to shake off the sins from his hands... in order that he should die as a *ba'al teshuva* and merit the world to come."

Why does Maimonides first warn one away from transgression by using death as the punishment, and then make it seem as if death is not as important as acquiring the world to come?

I believe that the latter citation illuminates the first. Maimonides is teaching a profound truth about life and death. He wants us to know that the problem isn't death; everyone has to die. The issue is not *that we die*; it is rather *how we live!*

In halacha two of chapter seven, Maimonides recommends that a person should always look upon himself as if he is about to die. "And lest he die while standing in his sin, he should therefore appropriately do *teshuva*."

This explains what Maimonides meant earlier. The problem we face is not that we die if we have more sins than merits, but rather that we'd die as a *rasha*, thereby forfeiting spiritual eternity. Indeed, a person should always look at himself as if he is about to die, everything hanging on whether he dies as a righteous person or as a wicked one. And how we die is a question of how we live. If a person's life brought him into a profound relationship with God, then death becomes merely a transition. On Yom Kippur a person confronts his mortality, standing before God in his shroud, away from the comforts of his home, without food or drink, without sexual relationships, the individual looks at himself as if he had died. This bitter fact of life engenders serious questions. Do we merit another year?

The Torah's command regarding Yom Kippur contains the answer, particularly as illuminated by the codification of Maimonides.

"This is because on this day you shall have all your sins atoned so that you will be cleansed. Before God [*l'pnei Hashem*] you will be purified."

The important message is the concept of *l'pnei Hashem*. A person has to live his life so that he may die in the presence of God. This kind of life inevitably brings one close to God, and enables the dimension of eternal spirituality to encompass him from life to life, from world to world.

Yom Kippur shows us that we are on a high mountain, where even one sin, one extra ounce of weight, can lead to our death as we dangle over the valley below. We have to assess the kind of life we're living, the values we hold dear, the pursuits to which we dedicate our time.

Lifnei Hashem: Before God! Yom Kippur is the realization of the Psalmist's prayer: "One thing I ask from the Lord, one thing I desire — that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." (Psalm 27:4)

May it be God's will that it is precisely what we feel, every day.

Shabbat Shalom and an easy fast.

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Whose capital is it anyway?

GRAPEVINE
GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE invitation for their country's 175th Independence Day celebrations sent out by El Salvador ambassador Alfonso Quinonez Meza and his wife Clara specified that the reception at their home would take place between 7 and 9 p.m. Miriam Golan, who is responsible for bilateral and interparliamentary relations in the Knesset Speaker's office, arrived embarrassingly early because she'd forgotten to move the clock back, while Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara arrived at 9.02 when many of the other guests had already left.

The Netanyahu were the meat in the sandwich between six bodyguards who would not allow anyone to come near to the PM. Three other bodyguards sat on the roof, and several more were ranged around the exterior of the building.

Notwithstanding the claustrophobic environment, Netanyahu managed to keep a clear head noting how much Israel values its relationship with El Salvador and Costa Rica "who recognized the right of Israel to determine its own capital." Both countries have their embassies in Jerusalem.

THOUGH NONE of the three offspring of the late prime minister Menachem Begin were present to hear the accolade, some of his former colleagues and associates seated in the auditorium of the Hebrew University's Truman Institute smiled broadly when Sam Lewis, former US ambassador to Israel, described Begin as "the best negotiator at Camp David."

The Camp David Accords' 18th anniversary symposium brought



AMCHA executive director John Lemberger, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, Amcha board chairman Benjamin Navon and German Ambassador Theodore Wallau at a reception to mark the first anniversary of the organization, which provides psychological and social assistance to Holocaust survivors in Israel.

together several of the former players in the battle for peace in the Middle East and proved that diplomats can also be stand-up comedians and straight men. Meir Rosenme, former ambassador to the US, elicited belly laughs and guffaws as he punctuated his historical references with well-chosen jokes, while Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny played straight man to President Ezer Weizman.

When Weizman commented that the late president Anwar Sadat did-

n't think much of Syria, he turned to Bassiouny for confirmation asking: "Mohammed, am I right?" To which a grinning Bassiouny replied: "You're always right." Bassiouny, who is often upstaged by his wife Nagwa, who has no difficulty in conversing in Hebrew, this time proved that he can also get along in the lingo. He made his opening remarks in Hebrew, and closed by wishing everyone *Shana Tova*.

US SENATOR Daniel Patrick

Moylan, reading a preview copy of a new Random House publication, wrote: "A witty and fascinating memoir by one of the century's great Irishmen." He was in fact referring to Israel's sixth president Chaim Herzog, whose most recent book *Living History: A Memoir* will be launched in New York and Washington on November 6.

himself was born in Ireland. The two forged a lasting friendship when both were serving as ambassadors to the United Nations.

Herzog and his wife Anra will travel to America for the launch and will subsequently undertake an extensive promotional tour across the US. The book, which opens with the Irish Revolution and Herzog's childhood in Ireland, will be distributed throughout the British Commonwealth by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. Herzog, by the way, celebrated his 78th birthday this week.

THE QUESTION mark which hovered over the continued operations of the British Council in Israel has not been replaced with a dash. The BC is not only in high gear, but is also acting as an agent for the British Tourist Authority. BC director Harley Brookes revealed this week at a reception which he and his wife Didi hosted in the garden of the BC's Jerusalem premises. Since the invitation did not state the purpose of the gathering several of the guests wondered if it was a swan-song affair. Happily, it wasn't. The party, said Brookes, was simply to say "Happy New Year." The BC is to some extent a rival, quipped British ambassador David Manning, noting that it "is one of the best ambassadors for Britain." He also voiced his jealousy of the BC's impressive Jerusalem stone building, to which the response from all quarters was "Move the embassy to Jerusalem."

Incidentally, director of the BC's English language centers Tom Hinton is very "pro-U" and is lobbying hard to get American-minded Israelis to restore the 21st letter of the alphabet into words like color, labor and favorite.

IT'S NO secret that the days of Atrara, one of the capital's oldest coffee shops, are numbered, and that the premises will next month be transformed into a Burger King outlet. Amongst Atrara's non-time crowd on the eve of Rosh Hashana were Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yuri Stern, the Jewish National Fund's information director Benny Mushkin and Greek philosophy expert Ya'acov Shibi. Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert and some of his close cronies chose to take their coffee at Atrara's obvious successor, Chegal, a few meters away on the Ben-Yehuda Mall.

ATTENDING A reception to mark the first anniversary of AMCHA's activities in Tel Aviv, the city's mayor Ronni Milo came in a personal as well as an official capacity. Lauding the work of the organization, which is dedicated to providing psychological and social assistance to Holocaust survivors, Milo revealed that his mother-in-law is a Holocaust survivor, who as a result of years of starvation in Auschwitz has a compulsive need to feed others.

Also present were Germany's new ambassador to Israel, Theodore Wallau, who visited AMCHA even before presenting his credentials in Jerusalem, Polish ambassador Wojciech Adamiecki and Rwandan ambassador Michel N. Rugema, along with senior diplomats from the British and Hungarian embassies.

Haredi-friendly flights

Leading rabbis are requesting flights without stewardesses or films. Halm Shapiro reports

FAMILY values may be a slogan for American presidential candidates, but it means dollars and cents to airlines flying to Israel, which are being faced with demands for special modest flights.

The demand was voiced in front-page advertisements published on the eve of Rosh Hashana by both *Hamodia* and *Yated Ne'eman*, the two dailies serving the haredi public. In an appeal, signed by many leading haredi rabbis, the advertisements spoke of the "pitfalls" awaiting passengers to the Holy Land when they were exposed to "very troubling visions" and "terrible pictures" in the form of films shown during the flights.

The campaign against the in-flight films, the appeal said, followed successful efforts to ban "immodest" advertisements from sidewalks and buses in Israel. Now, the advertisement said, the rabbis were appealing to the airlines to allow the God-fearing public to fly without encountering such scenes. Naturally, the rabbis continued, the haredi public would prefer to fly with airlines which acted in accord with their demands.

Both newspaper advertisements were accompanied by front-page news stories concerning the rabbinical appeal. The stories were largely identical, although they listed the rabbis signing the appeal in a different order.

In *Hamodia*, the first rabbi listed were Hassidic leaders, the rabbies of Viznitz, Gur and Belz, while in *Yated Ne'eman*, the first names listed were those of rabbis Yosef Shalom Elishav, Arye Leib Steinman, and Shmuel Halevy Vozner, leaders of the non-Hassidic "Lithuanian" community. Both also said that Tower Airlines had been the first company to abide by the requests of the haredi community and that 14 plane loads of yeshiva students had arrived before the holiday.

"We would have been very happy to have had 14 plane loads, but that wasn't the case. To our sorrow, Tower has no flight which is just for the haredi public," said Sabina Diran, director of Tower's Israel office.

What the airline had done, she said, was to allow yeshiva students to sit together in one section, holding about 100 passengers or 20 percent of the entire flight. In that section, she said, no films were shown and only male stewards served the meals. However, she added, contrary to press reports, these had not been full flights only for the haredim, and even the special sections were

only for special dates. El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said that El Al had been approached by haredi groups in the past and was very happy to work with them. He noted that in addition to the ordinary meals, which are certified as *kasher l'hamadrin* by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate, the airline also provided sealed meals with the *kashrut* certificate of the Jerusalem Badatz, the rabbinical court of the Eida Haredi.

Klieman said that El Al has a special movie review committee which selects movies based on special criteria "in keeping with the special character of the airline." The films are edited according to El Al's demands for viewing by family audiences, in keeping with requests not just from Jews, but from Christian groups as well, he said.

The El Al spokesman said that the airline will arrange a special section in 747-400 flights to New York for passengers who wish to sit in an area without movies. This is possible in these planes, he said, because each seat in its own private screen which can be shut off. However, he stressed, passengers who wish to sit in this section must ask for it in advance through their agents.

On occasion when there are special requests from leading haredi rabbis, Klieman added, El Al will ensure that male stewards are there to serve them. This too, he said, must be arranged in advance. In fact, he added, El Al has religiously observant stewards who can be put on a special flight when necessary.

Recently, Klieman noted, the airline ran a special convoy of flights for Bratislav Hassidim, who traditionally spend Rosh Hashana at the tomb of the Bratislav rebbe in Uman in Ukraine. There were 12 such flights, he said, with a total of 2,000 passengers in which no films were shown and only stewards were on board.

However the haredi leaders are apparently not willing to let up on their demands. In one flight, *Hamodia* said, the soul of a boy or girl could become depraved, and years of education could go down the drain. Both papers reported that travel agents catering to the haredi public had been asked to sign agreements to send their clients on "modest" flights.

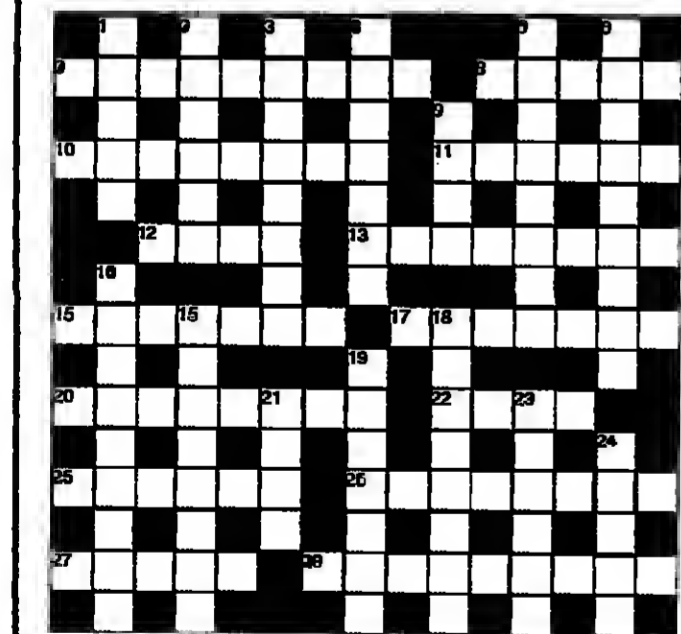
"It should be noted that yeshiva heads who heard of the new arrangements said that if kosher flights were available, they would not accept students who had flown on other flights," *Hamodia* concluded.

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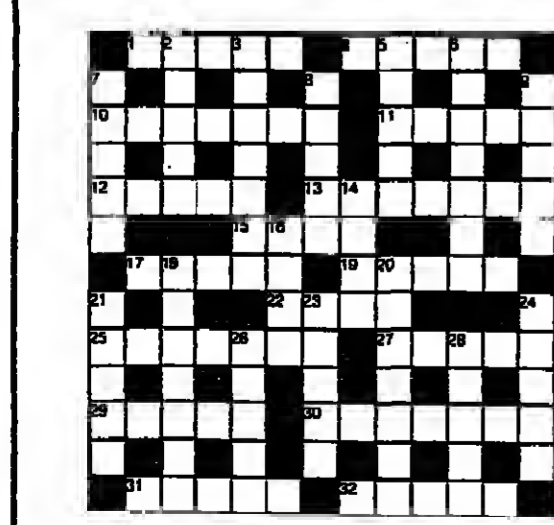
ACROSS 7 Broadcast—it need not show restraint (9) 8 The first bit of bread found under the bridge by the billy goats (5) 10 Regular study by good man, a hard worker (8) 11 What the funny should be without a thought (6) 12 Against the inclusion of Indian tigers (4) 13 Risk the consequence, displeasure (8) 15 Send 12 signal (7) 17 Etchers working in the city (7) 20 Send for a drive? (8) 22 Cut a goal term (4)	DOWN 1 Opted to build up a store (5) 2 Mind a boy following soldiers? (6) 3 Turn informer about duck theft (8) 4 Hated having to take the load off (7) 5 The page doesn't like getting tips! (8)	6 Through holding a trainee down, he's sacked (9) 9 Among a thousand and one dead (4) 14 Foolish talk of an illicit drink (9) 16 The dog's a bounder! (8) 18 Attractive homes, and well-designed (8) 19 Argued with staff caught in the act (7) 21 A bird sanctuary (4) 23 Doctors despicable men without hesitation (6) 24 Making money on livestock in Sussex (5)	25 Songs about an English county (6) 26 Bob reads badly, so gets taken in (8) 27 Hear the boy is told to get into a position to pray (5) 28 Modern business course (9)
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 1 Ruin (5)
 4 Command (5)
 10 Shoe-repairer (7)
 11 Upright (5)
 12 Wash (5)
 13 Forbear (7)
 18 Strong wind (4)
 17 Imprisoned (5)
 19 Donkeys (5)
 22 Small missile (4)
 23 Stupid (7)
 27 Come after (5)
 29 Hungarian composer (5)
 30 Moment (7)
 31 Trap (5)
 32 Beneath (5)

DOWN
 2 Redbreast (5)
 3 Place of higher education (7)
 5 Rocks (5)
 6 Raise (7)
 7 Twenty (5)
 8 Court case (5)
 9 Spectacular feat (5)
 14 Endure (4)
 16 Tits up (4)
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Meridor to ask gov't to approve Brodet savings reform despite PM's reservations

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor yesterday said he fully endorses the Brodet Committee's proposals for structural reforms aimed at diverting short-term savings into long-term alternatives.

Meridor said he will present the committee's recommendations to a special cabinet meeting scheduled for the second week in October.

Meridor's unequivocal support might generate serious discord with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, both of whom have expressed reservations concerning the report's proposed taxation of currently popular short-term savings plans.

The issue is particularly sensitive from Netanyahu's viewpoint, since throughout his election campaign, and since taking office, he has repeatedly promised not to impose any new taxes.

Meanwhile, Treasury Director-General David Brodet yesterday told The Jerusalem Post he is "still optimistic the recommenda-

tions will be accepted."

Brodet said he had expected some criticism of the proposed changes to the capital markets, published on Tuesday, but was surprised the central bank failed to fully support the report. "It was a strange and puzzling reaction," said Brodet.

The first organization to support the findings should have been the Histadrut, added Brodet, who said the recommendations do not harm the labor union umbrella organization's pension funds "because the committee showed exceptional feeling for the population of Israel at large."

Brodet added he expected the full support of the "social lobby" in the Knesset.

All professional institutions that have read the report in full say it is positive and have praised its contents, he said, while those criticizing the report have not offered any alternative suggestions to help the markets

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and DAVID HARRIS

recover.

Despite the objections to various elements of the document from the Prime Minister's Office and several key Likud politicians, Brodet says it is necessary to complete all negotiations on the plan's execution by December, but notes this responsibility is now in the hands of the political system, not the experts' committee.

If the report is not implemented this time around, said Brodet, any future recommendations will have to be enforced amid more extreme conditions.

From its inception the committee had three main aims: To link savings and the capital markets; to create administrative differences between the benefits offered by short- and long-term savings, which would make the latter more lucrative; and rationalizing taxation across the financial markets. One of the main outcomes of the commit-

tee's proposals would be the creation of more money for mortgages, a development which will hopefully reduce mortgage interest rates. As a result, said Brodet, young couples and immigrants will end up paying lower mortgages and, despite the higher taxes on savings, the net result will be beneficial for both the economy and the public.

All the recommendations had to fit in this framework, which necessitated imposing taxes on short- and mid-term savings - the very proposals which now are meeting the fiercest opposition.

"The synergy (of all the proposals) results in a better outcome for everyone," said Brodet. "Those for whom the pension is important will receive more, those who favor mortgages will receive more, those who prefer long-term savings will receive more. Whoever emphasizes the marginal issue of taxing short-term savings distorts the whole concept of the report." (Full interview in Mooney Magazine next Wednesday)

Frutarom cutbacks sparks walkout

DAVID RUDGE

WORKERS at the giant Electrochemical Industries (Frutarom) plant south of Acre walked out on strike yesterday to protest management's demand to fire 140 of the firm's 400 workers and cut remaining employees' salaries by 40 percent.

Victor Sabag, a member of the works committee at the firm which manufactures mainly PVC, said the indefinite strike followed a breakdown in talks with management over the planned cutbacks. The Histadrut, he said, was supporting the workers' struggle and has declared a labor dispute on their behalf, following the announcement of management's decision on September 19.

"Management claims the reasons for the cutbacks are due to a higher cost of raw materials and the lower prices for PVC that it is getting on the market," said Sabag. "At the same time, the company made a profit of NIS 35 million last year and

in the past few years has invested \$25 million on two plants to increase production of PVC and EPVC." This, he added, followed a cut in the work force, with the agreement of the employees, in 1993 as part of a recovery plan. "We don't want to have to pay the price for these useless investments," said Sabag.

He stressed that the workers had taken all necessary precautions to ensure safety at the chemicals plant, after the decision to launch the indefinite strike.

Sabag maintained that the decision to strike was taken after management rejected alternative proposals by the workers' committee to help make the company more efficient.

Zvi'ka Greengold, senior vice-president of the company, maintained that management had not set a definite number of redundancies and was anxious to continue talks with the workers and reach a negotiated settlement.

Africa Israel shareholders okay Migdal spin-off

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AFRICA Israel shareholders yesterday approved the spin-off of Leumi Insurance Holdings, the parent company of Migdal, from Africa Israel Investments.

The vote paves the way for the sale of 40 percent of Migdal, Israel's largest insurer, to Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer, for NIS 1.2 billion.

To enable Bank Leumi to comply with the requirements of the 1981 Banking (Licensing) Law, Leumi intends to announce a new tender for the sale of its surplus holdings in Africa Israel (excluding Migdal) next week.

Bank Leumi holds 51% of Africa Israel's share capital and is obligated to reach an agreement to reduce its holdings to 25% by the end of the year. The five contenders that participated in Bank Leumi's first tender submitted bids lower than Generali's.

At the Africa Israel shareholders meeting yesterday, 99.98% of the participants voted in favor of the spin-off. To implement the transaction, Bank Leumi required the approval of 75% of the shareholders.

Businessmen Eitan Wertheimer and Moti Zisser, who together hold 14% of the company's controlling shares and stock capital, did not attend the meeting. The two gave Bank Leumi power of attorney after agreeing to support the move last week. In exchange, they received an option to demand Bank Leumi's sale of its Africa Israel holdings in one package, along with the bank's surplus holdings.

According to Bank Leumi's and Generali's letter of intent, the latter will exchange its 21.7% stake

in Migdal for shares in Leumi Insurance. After the exchange, Leumi Insurance will be listed for trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

At this stage, the other shareholders in Migdal, who together hold 4.8% of the shares, will be offered the opportunity of exchanging their shares in Migdal for shares in Leumi Insurance.

After the spin-off, Generali has undertaken to make an offer to all of the other shareholders to purchase up to 40% of their shares in Leumi Insurance, based on a company valuation of about NIS 3 billion.

Generali is one of Italy's largest corporations, controlling 93 insurance companies in 40 countries. At the end of 1995, its overall assets were valued at about \$65b, and the group completed 1994 with a net profit of \$536m.

Sumitomo puts copper scandal loss at \$2.6 billion

TOKYO (Reuters) Sumitomo Corp said yesterday that losses from a massive copper trading scandal have soared to \$2.6 billion from the \$1.5b it originally estimated and said it is pressing authorities for criminal charges against the man it holds responsible.

The statement came in a revision of the trading group's earnings forecast. The company said it revised its group net forecast for 1996/97 to show a loss of 147 billion yen (\$1.34b.) from a profit of 24 billion yen (\$220 million).

The trade house announced on

June 13 that it had suffered huge losses from unauthorized copper trades and blamed the long-time head of its copper trading division Yasuo Hamanaka, whom it promptly fired.

The company said yesterday it planned no further changes to the copper loss estimate and said it had closed out most of the loss-making copper positions.

"As a result of our liquidation up to now, there still remain some positions, including both short and long positions, but the liquidation of uncovered positions is nearly complete," Sumitomo president Kenji Miyahara told a news conference.

"Accordingly, there is almost no risk remaining and it is our judgment that we will not again revise the estimated loss we have announced today," he added.

Traders and financial analysts had questioned Sumitomo's previous loss estimate, saying it appeared to be much too low given the company's huge exposure in the market and a sharp fall in copper prices since the scandal broke.

Sumitomo said Hamanaka had for more than a decade deceived the company, his losses snowballing more than 40-fold as he tried to cover an initial 6.5b yen off-the-books loss with more secret trades. At the

current exchange rate of 109 yen to the dollar, that would be \$59.6m.

Miyahara said Hamanaka conducted as many as 2,000 unauthorized deals in a single year and forged or doctored documents to cover his tracks, according to an in-house investigation by a 60-strong task force that was still sifting through 2,000 cardboard boxes full of documents.

He declined to comment on whether Hamanaka had cooperated with the company's investigation.

Investigators from Britain and the US are also looking into the affair, the biggest financial scandal in history.

In Washington, congressional hearings into the affair opened on Wednesday. An official with the US Federal Reserve said the crisis appeared to be confined to Sumitomo and had not spread to any other financial firms.

Japanese authorities, meanwhile, have been reluctant to step into the case, arguing that since all of the questionable trades took place overseas, there would have been no violation of Japanese law.

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Geotek Technologies signs memorandum of understanding with Hyundai Electronics: Geotek Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Geotek Communications (Nasdaq), recently announced that it signed a strategic partnering agreement with Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. to supply FHMA-related equipment to the Korean market.

Kibbutz Ramot Menashe announces opening of new factory: Kibbutz Ramot Menashe has announced the opening of a new microencapsulation factory known as Karmat. The company, which expects to employ 20 workers, was opened with an investment of \$700,000.

Koor Industries goes on-line: Koor Industries (NYSE), Israel's largest holding company, whose holdings include Telrad and Tadiran, has established a web site designed to give browsers up-to-date information on the activities within the company and its subsidiaries.

Memo to provide system support for NCR: Memco Software has announced that it will be supplying its SeOS support software for NCR's computers. NCR is a networked computing resource of AT&T which develops business information process systems for worldwide markets.

Point of Sale to computerize Holiday Inn's restaurants: Point of Sale (Nasdaq), the Herzliya-based developer of retail software, has been awarded a contract to provide the restaurants in local Holiday Inn outlets with point-of-sale computerized systems.

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NYSE closes mixed

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Missing Palestinian security official found in Gaza hospital

A PALESTINIAN security official missing since July has been located in a Gaza hospital, where he is being kept under guard by Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat's personal security force, Force 17.

Palestinian sources said Maj. Farid Shukri Assalya has been found in Gaza's Shifa Hospital, where he is in serious condition after he fell or was pushed from a second-floor window.

The major was seized by a unit of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service on July 7 from the office of his boss, Palestinian Police commander Gen. Nasser Yusef. The PA has never acknowledged Assalya's arrest

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and has rebuffed efforts by human rights groups, including Amnesty International, to locate him.

Palestinian sources said Assalya, Yusef's chief aid, has been accused of treason and espionage in connection to what could have been his cooperation with US efforts to obtain the extradition of those responsible for the 1985 terrorist abduction of the Achille Lauro cruise ship and the killing of American citizen Leon Klinghoffer.

The leader of the terrorist squad that commandeered the ship, Mohammed Abul Abbas,

now resides in Gaza.

Amnesty says the major might have been tortured and starved during his detention.

Another member of Yusef's staff, Sgt. Mohammed Rifat, disappeared on July 1 and has not been heard from since. Two other Palestinian officials, including a judge, are also said to have disappeared.

The arrests are regarded as a campaign to unseat Yusef. But Palestinian sources said the general has reconciled with Arafat and has resumed his high-level contacts with Israeli politicians, something which had angered his rivals.

Israeli, Jordanian disabled to meet in jeep rally

DISABLED Israelis and Jordanians will mark the second anniversary of the peace treaty between the two countries with a four-day jeep rally that will test their navigational skills, as they travel over ancient caravan routes from the Negev to Jordan.

More than 75 jeeps are expected to take part in the Peace Rally, which begins on September 29. Starting at the Haas Promenade in Jerusalem, the convoy will wind its way to the Red Sea and into the Jordanian desert, Wadi Ram, the

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Edom mountains, and ultimately to Petra.

Prince Rayed Bin Ziyad, a cousin of King Hussein, is to join in on the Jordanian leg, organizers said.

Yoel Sharon, chairman of the Challenge Association, which encourages the disabled to engage in sports, said participants are also coming from Austria, France and Denmark.

He said the Jordanian Disabled Association is sending a delega-

tion of 12, including some who were wounded in military action.

One of the Israeli participants was wounded by the Jordanians while trying to reach Petra years ago and this will be his first trip back since.

"Not only is this good sport, but it undoubtedly symbolizes that people who once fought each other are now cooperating toward one goal - peace," Sharon said.

Some of the disabled will be driving jeeps with hand controls, Sharon said.

Sources say Levy close to appointing staff

FOREIGN Minister David Levy yesterday seemed on the verge of ending infighting in his ministry and naming its acting director-general Eitan Bentsur to the position permanently.

While Bentsur, a veteran diplomat, has always been the ministry's choice for the position, Levy political aide Ya'acov Bardugo covets the spot.

Sources said that Levy has decided to make Bardugo his personal adviser and appoint him as his envoy to the Israeli-Palestinian steering committee.

Two other Levy appointments also were close to being finalized last night, filling a vacuum that has existed since Levy became foreign minister in June. Sources said Freddy Eitan, a journalist who works in Israel Radio's French division, will become Levy's spokesman and Charles Tapir his economic aide.

Jordanian names baby after Netanyahu

AMMAN (Reuters) - A Jordanian farmer has named his son after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, because he shook the hand of Jordan's King Hussein, a newspaper said yesterday.

Shihani Weekly said Ibrahim Abadi infuriated his wife and family by naming his baby Netanyahu, but said the proud father was not changing his mind.

"[Netanyahu] is an honorable guy because he put his hand in Abu Abdullah's [King Hussein's]," Abadi told the paper.

"It's not the lack of Arabic names, but my love of King Hussein which led me to choose this name."



Genya Batesbeva, a survivor of the Babi Yar massacre, lights a memorial candle during yesterday's ceremony at Yad Vashem marking the 55th anniversary of the massacre. (Isaac Harari)

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Sources said that the Palestinians are more likely to agree to ad-hoc security-related arrangements for parts of the city, than to accommodate far-reaching security principles.

When Mordechai put forward two principles for modifying the redeployment, they were rejected by Arafat, the sources said.

Sources said that Mordechai implicitly linked Palestinian agreement to modifications in the Hebron redeployment to increasing the number of Palestinian laborers coming in to Israel and the construction of the Dahaniye airport in Gaza.

"Mordechai said Hebron was the gateway for resolving these other issues," a source familiar with the talks said.

But Defense Ministry spokesman Avi Beorayahu, in responding to a Channel 1 report that Israel would recognize Dahaniye airport as an international airport, said: "The subject of Dahaniye Airport was not raised in the meeting."

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Only last week did Mubarak publicly distance himself from his earlier threat, by saying publicly that Egypt is "determined" to hold the conference on time. Ross informed Netanyahu that it was his impression that the conference would be held.

However, Mubarak's words were not the only ones that upset Netanyahu. Earlier this week, Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi told the Egyptian daily *al-Gomheriah* that Egypt's military was training in the event of a hijack attack by Israel.

"As long as there is a neighboring country which has weapons of mass destruction, we must carry out defensive training aimed at facing up to a use of these weapons," Tantawi said.

He termed the 10-day-long war games, called "Badr 96," which began on Tuesday, "the largest strategic maneuvers" ever held in Egypt. They reportedly involve navy, air force, infantry, artillery, paratroop, and commando units. Amphibious landing exercises were also conducted, apparently including a simulation of crossing the Suez Canal. Tantawi said that the exercises were planned in

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advance and not tied to developments in the region.

The following day, however, there were blistering attacks on Netanyahu in the Egyptian media. There were unconfirmed reports that one Egyptian media outlet compared Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler.

Netanyahu's comments about Egypt stand in contrast to his feeling after holding talks in Egypt in July that he and Mubarak would work very closely together. Netanyahu has noted frequently how often he and Mubarak have been in phone contact.

One source insisted that a full two-thirds of the Netanyahu-Ross meeting was taken up by the premier's complaints about Egypt. This source insisted that Ross agreed that if peace is a strategic choice for a country, it must resolve differences only at the negotiating table.

Ross was not available for comment.

Meanwhile, while under fire for suggesting earlier in the week that ties to the US were not vital to national security, Netanyahu used the Ross meeting as an opportunity to thank the Clinton administration for its friendly stance.

LEBANON

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Altogether, according to UNIFIL sources, the IDF fired as many as 500 artillery and tank rounds in a period of about four hours after the clash.

According to some reports from Lebanon, scores of residents fled their homes as a result of the shelling and IAF raids. This, together with the wounding of the woman, prompted both Hizbullah and Lebanese government officials to accuse Israel of breaking the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings and to call for a meeting of the monitoring committee.

Levine, however, told reporters that Hizbullah had first breached the understandings by firing mortars from inside villages.

"The understandings are not a cease-fire agreement, but are designed to try to keep civilians out of the action. Under the understandings, Hizbullah is banned under any circumstances from firing at communities or

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Egypt, the Palestinian Authority, and Israel, Ross flew home.

It is not known if this was due to his belief that Damascus will not accept Netanyahu's formula for resumption of talks, or if - as some said - it may mark a form of US displeasure with Syrian military redeployment in Lebanon and on Mt. Hermon.

Formally, the Ross trip was devoted to ensuring that the Cairo economic summit occurs on schedule in November and to being briefed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on plans for Hebron redeployment, so there was no need to visit Syria.

It should be noted that Secretary of State Warren Christopher is to meet Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara next week at the UN General Assembly, where they are expected to discuss resuming peace talks and Syrian troop movements.

Meanwhile, Syria stepped up its vitriolic rhetoric against Netanyahu, with the government newspaper *Al-Ba'ath* comparing his psychological state to that of Adolf Hitler.

The newspaper said that Israel had moved forward forces toward the border, which it described as a threatening deployment.

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האזנה מן האולם

Haifa unveils state-of-the-art athletics stadium

HEATHER CHAIT

HAIFA'S brand new international athletics stadium was opened yesterday by the deputy minister of education, culture and sport, Moshe Peled. Attending the ceremony were the head of the Sports Authority, Dr. Yehoshua Dekel, Haifa mayor Amram Mizna and chairman of the Israel Sports Betting Board Aryeh Zeif.

The stadium was built at a cost of NIS 6.5 M while another NIS 6 M is slated for permanent seating, a fitness room and an electronic clock which will meet Olympic demands.

The eight-lane stadium oov has temporary seating for 500 and a mobile clock for recording times. Pole vaulters Danny Krasnov and Konstantin Simyonev along with triple jumper Rogel Nahum were among the athletes who demonstrated the facilities.

Peled expressed the hope that the stadium would be fully utilized throughout the day, especially by the youth. Other sports facilities of this kind are at Hadar Yosef, Wingate Institute and Tzamech at the Kineret.

Spotlight on Berkowitz as he prepares to leave for Southampton

DEREK FATTAL

RISHON Lezion is the venue most likely to capture the attention of local soccer fans during this weekend's third round of National League action. The Rishonis, currently nesting in 6th position, take on third-placed Maccabi Haifa tomorrow in a match expected to mark Maccabi midfielder Eyal Berkowitz's final appearance with the club before his long-awaited move to English Premier League side Southampton.

Berkowitz has distinguished himself over the last few seasons with the Haifaites and it is to be hoped that the Maccabi fans will turn out in force to cheer the compact playmaker who is set to earn a quarter-million-dollars-a-season in England.

An added sense of poignancy will be evident at Hapoel Beit She'an's match tomorrow against current table-toppers Hapoel Petah Tikva as coach Elisha Levy opens a new chapter in his involvement with the Beit She'an side that clinched promotion to the top flight under his stewardship two years ago.

Levy is at Hapoel's helm for the first time this season, making his return following the resignation of Guy Levy two weeks ago. Guy Levy's move opened the door for Elisha's comeback after the latter was unable to continue at Zafirim Holon due to its dire financial crisis. There is no doubt that the Beit She'anis are in need of Elisha's colorful style of management after two straight losses have left the team in 15th place.

Championship hopefuls Betar Jerusalem are hosted by Hapoel Beersheba tomorrow evening. Betar coach Eli Cohen is likely to include Stefan Saloi in the opening line-up after his late introduction during the side's last outing against Hapoel Haifa turned defeat into victory.

The Haifaite should have an easier time at home this afternoon against Bnei Yehuda. The Hatikva Quarter supporters are still smarting from the 4-1 home defeat suffered in the last round against Maccabi Petah Tikva. A loss today will ensure that plenty of chickens will have more than their feathers ruffled in the streets of the Hatikva Quarter come Sunday.

Maccabi Tel Aviv needs to make its mark in the league ahead of Wednesday's UEFA cup co-froation with Tenerife and match hosts Maccabi Herzliya could find themselves under fire from Avraham Grant's men. The going is proving hard for newcomers Hapoel Jerusalem.

The Jerusalemites have a chance to rack up their first points of the season at Teddy against Hapoel Kfar Sava. The other recent inductees to the National League, Hapoel Taiba, travel to nearby Maccabi Petah Tikva with Sahar Mizrahi still suspended. Zafirim Holon's new coach Meir Nimni is hopeful he can get good results from his youthful squad.

Nimni's first match since taking the place of Elisha Levy is a potentially tough fixture against Hapoel Tel Aviv. Nimni might draw some consolation that his opposite number Moshe Sinai has already created a deep sense of anger among Hapoel fans just two matches into the long-campaign.

This weekend's National League fixtures (matches kick off 3:30 pm tomorrow unless otherwise stated):

Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Zafirim Holon, Bloomfield Stadium, 4:30 pm; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Teddy Stadium, today; Ironi Rishon Lezion v. Maccabi Haifa, Rishon Municipal Stadium, 5:45 pm; Hapoel Beit She'an v. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Beit She'an; Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Taiba, Petah Tikva; Hapoel Haifa v. Bnei Yehuda, Kfar Yehuda, today 4:30 pm; Hapoel Beersheba v. Betar Jerusalem, Beersheba 7:15 pm; Maccabi Herzliya v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Herzliya Municipal Stadium, 6 pm.

Bassett rejects City job offer

MANCHESTER (AP) - Sliding Manchester City suffered another blow yesterday when Crystal Palace manager Dave Bassett turned down an offer to take over at the club.

The move comes two weeks after former Arsenal manager George Graham also turned down the job and decided instead to go to Leeds.

After relegation last season from the Premier League, four losses in seven games in division one and a 4-1 crushing by Division Three Lincoln in the League Cup Tuesday, City is close to an all-time low.

Morrison plans return to the ring

TULSA, Oklahoma (Reuters) - Former heavyweight contender Tommy Morrison, who seven months ago retired from boxing after testing positive for the HIV virus, said yesterday that he plans to return to the ring.

Morrison does not have a date, site or an opponent for his return. He told a news conference at the Tulsa Marriott Hotel that the return fight would be a benefit for children AIDS.

The 27-year-old Morrison, who has a 45-3-1 record, still has to be licensed.

Hughes asks referees for protection on field

LONDON (AP) - After high-profile spells with Manchester United, Barcelona and now Chelsea, Mark Hughes has gained an image as a tough, battering-ram type of striker feared by defenders.

So why is the 31-year-old Welshman asking for more protection from referees? It's like Mike Tyson asking for help in the ring.

Even after a lopsided 4-1 victory at Division Two Blackpool in Wednesday's League Cup game, Hughes and Chelsea coach Rudi Gullit were complaining that the striker took far too much physical abuse from opponents.

"He spent the game being kicked - he doesn't get the protection he deserves," Gullit said. "We don't want any favoritism. But I think referees should protect him a bit more."

Perhaps the timing of the Chelsea striker's plea is significant.

Tomorrow, Gullit's third place team goes to standings leader Liverpool, which has started with four wins and two ties and leads the field by two points.

Liverpool defenders Mark Wright and Phil Babb know all about Hughes's busting style of play and won't be too pleased if the match referee gives the muscular striker more protection than usual.

With Czech Republic midfielder Patrik Berger making an instant impact with two goals at Leicester last weekend, Liverpool looks a fearsome opponent and Chelsea will do well to gain a point at Anfield.

Second place Manchester United, the defending title which top scores with 16 goals from six games, also has a tough away game at Aston Villa, which is unbeaten since the opening day.

Villa, which is eighth, has dropped points by conceding far too many late equalizers and has squan-

dered chances to join Liverpool at the top.

United has produced its best form away from home with a 3-0 victory at Wimbledon and 4-0 at Leeds. But last week it gained a 4-1 home triumph over Nottingham Forest with Eric Cantona scoring twice and new Norwegian star Ole Gunnar Solskjaer netting another.

Middlesbrough is another team in high-scoring form, hitting seven Wednesday in a League Cup triumph over Division Three basement club Hereford.

Fabrizio Ravanelli scored four to take his total for the season to 10 in seven games. Brazilians Emerson and Branco also netted and countryman Juninho had a hand in two of the goals.

Now Bryan Robson's team hosts an Arsenal lineup once proud to have the best defensive record but now the third best scorer with 13 from six games. On Monday, Ian Wright scored three goals as the Gunners, still waiting for French coach Arsene Wenger to join them from Japan's Grampus Eight, overpowered Sheffield Wednesday 4-1.

Newcastle, which has moved up to fourth after a slow start, has an intriguing game at Leeds, which is still looking for its first win under new manager George Graham.

Sheffield Wednesday, which has lost its last two league games, hopes to halt that slide with a home win over promoted Derby.

Blackburn Rovers, league titlist only two seasons ago, now lies at the foot of the standings with just one point from six games, ironically a 2-2 tie at Manchester United.

Pressure is mounting on manager Ray Harford but Rovers can relieve some of it by scoring a home win tomorrow over another surprise struggler, Everton, which is 15th of the 20 teams.

Maccabi edges Limoges in Euro League opener

BRIAN FREEMAN

Limoges also seemed unable to help itself, converting on only 17 of 28 (60.7%) free-throws, while Maccabi hit 21 of its 24 (87.5%) shots from the charity line.

Although Limoges controlled the paint, it had no outside game to speak of, hitting only 1 of 10 from three-point land.

Maccabi appeared to take control of the game in the opening minutes after the break, quickly building up a 33-28 halftime lead to 37-28. But Limoges just as quickly roared backed, aided by a decisive advantage on the board the entire night that gave the club numerous second and third opportunities on the offensive end.

The two teams stayed within three points of each other for most of the second half, with Limoges tying the game for the last time at 62-62, on a Jean Jacques Conceicao bucket with only 1:30 remaining.

But then Katash came through in the clutch, as he did all night, first feeding Randy White inside for a three-point play and then icing the victory by converting four straight free-throws the rest of the way.

White finished the evening with 17 points in a steady performance at both ends of the court.

However, Maccabi's other foreign player, Buck Johnson, had a superb game with only 9 points, which was particularly surprising considering his consistent performances in leading Maccabi to a 13-0 exhibition record.

The game also featured Doron Sheffer's first taste of action with Maccabi in the European championships. Although he scored only 8 points and was overshadowed by his backcourt comrade, Sheffer was instrumental in raising the team's defensive intensity.

Former NBA player Vern Fleming led Limoges with 17 points, but the French were hampered by the limited contribution of

their second foreigner, Gerald Glass, who only joined the team a few days earlier and scored 6 points.

Former Maccabi Tel Aviv player Spencer Dunkley contributed 8 points for Limoges, as did Marc M'Bahia. Conceicao had seven.

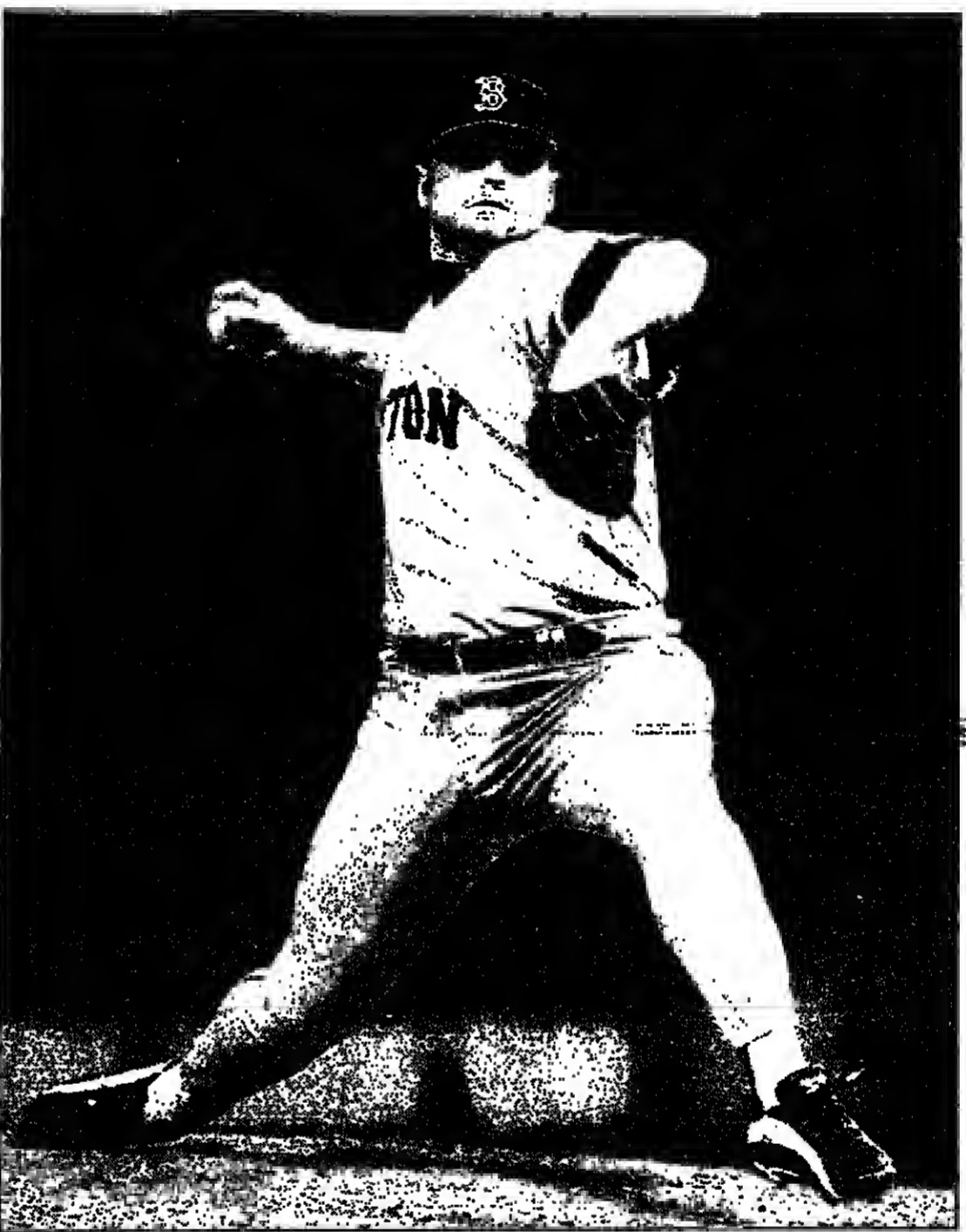
For Maccabi, playing without the injured Guy Goodes and Derek Sharp, Brad Leaf contributed 6 points, Constantin Popa 5, Burko Radovic 3 and Nadav Heneffeld 2.

In other action in Group A, Stefanel Milan scored a 73-67 away victory in Istanbul over Ulker, while Panionios defeated visiting CSKA Moscow 72-67.

Next Thursday Maccabi returns home for the second of 10 games in the pool to face CSKA, which reached the Final Four last season.

Team	W	L	Pts
Maccabi Tel Aviv	1	0	2
Stefanel Milan	1	0	2
Panionios	1	0	2
Ulker	0	1	1
CSKA Moscow	0	1	1
Limoges	0	1	1

Clemens fans 20 to tie own strikeout record



ROCKET ROGER - Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens struck out 20 batters and held the Tigers to four hits.

DETROIT - Boston Red Sox right-hander Roger Clemens tied his own 10-year-old major-league record with 20 strikeouts against the Detroit Tigers Wednesday in a 4-0, four-hit shutout victory.

"I feel very fortunate and very blessed," the 34-year-old pitcher said. "I've been doing it for 13 years and I can't believe I had 20 again. I knew I had a lot, but this is incredible."

Clemens had 19 strikeouts through eight innings, but Alan Trammell popped out to first base to open the ninth and Ruben Sierra singled up the middle.

Tony Clark filed to deep left for the second out before Clemens struck out Travis Fryman on a 2-2 pitch to equal the mark he set on April 29, 1986, when he fanned 20 Seattle Mariners.

As in his record performance a decade ago, Clemens did not walk a batter.

Clemens, who is now only 10-12 for the season but 6-1 since August 1, twice struck out five successive batters. He had seven strikeouts by the end of the third inning.

Clemens struck out the side in the second, fifth and sixth innings and allowed only singles to Trammell, Brad Anusmus, Phil Nevin in the eighth and Sierra in the ninth. Fryman struck out in all four plate appearances, while Clark fanned three times.

Asked if he was disappointed he did not break the record, he responded: "You can't even count on striking out 20 big-league hitters. I'm just happy to tie it."

He added: "I mean that's all but seven guys in the game."

Clemens also tied pitching legend Cy Young atop the all-time Boston list for shutouts (38) and wins (192).

Clemens posted his 67th game with 10 or more strikeouts.

Yankees 3, Orioles 2

Ruben Rivera singled home Derek Jeter with two outs in the 10th inning as host New York increased its lead over the Orioles

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37 - Ron Guidry, New York (AL), June 17, 1978, vs. Oakland.

38 - Steve Carlton, Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1975, at Chicago.

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